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[135] In Common Council. Feb^{y} 15th 1808

Present Marinus Willett, Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq^{r} Recorder.

Jacob Mott James Drake Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish Abraham King Samuel M. Hopkins Peter Mesier John D. Miller	Esquires Aldermen	Mess^{rs} Abraham Bloodgood Samuel Kip Thomas J. Campbell Samuel Torbert Simon Van Antwerp Stephen Ludlam John Slidell Jasper Ward John W. Mulligan	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council of Appointment, [136] having been pleased to appoint Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, to the Office of Recorder of this city, who having taken the Oaths of Office prescribed by law, appeared at the Common Council and produced his Commission under the great seal of the State, which was read and published with the usual formalities, and took his seat at the Board.

A Report from the Police Office that Captain Darling had suspended Peter Keslaer for sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

*A Petition of Frederick Egbert for a reimbursement of the penalty incurred and paid, for retailing liquors without a licence, was referred to the Attorney.

A Petition of Abraham Van Ranst to be permitted to receive an assignment of the lease of the Ferry from Broome Street to Williamsburgh Long island, under Colonel Marinus Willett lessee, was granted.

Richard Seaman Resident Apothecary at the Alms House sent a letter of resignation which was accepted.

†A Petition of Hunting Sherrill to be appointed Resident Apothecary, in his place, was referred to Mess^{rs} Torbert, Ludlam and Van Antwerp.

[137] An Application for a Lamp at the corner of Broadway and Canal Street, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 167.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 188.*—Ed.

*An Application of David Dunham proposing an alteration in the East line of Broadway between Art Street and the Bowery, was referred to Aldermen Wood, Fish and Mr Kip.

A Petition of Samuel McNeil, in confinement on a suit, recovered against him, as surety for Robert Miller in a Bastardy Bond, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of ways and means Report

Seamen

That from Captain Chaunceys report to the 13th inst. inclusive, it appears that 35 Seamen have been admitted at the Navy Yard of whom 11 have been discharged at their own request 2 have absented themselves and 22 remain.

Rations.

The following is the statement of the rations issued at the Alms House.

[138] Monday. Febr 8th	5056		
Tuesday. 11th	5605		
Total Rations	10.661	@ 9 cents	$959.49
There has been administered during the same period, towards the relief of distressed families in cash			264.60
Making an expenditure in the course of the week of			$1224. 9

Agreeably to the last report, and with the approbation of the Common Council, the Committee have reduced the days for issuing rations to twice a week: and while means are pursuing to prevent impositions, the wants of the really necessitous will be supplied

Labour.

The Labourers employed in taking Mud out of the Collect have, in the course of the last week, been totally discharged. Many of whom are now employed by Capt Whyley at Governor's island.

The expenses incurred on this head appear as follows

for the 1st Week	$97.97	
2d do	159.78	
3d do	318.80	
		$576.55

being their Cash Wages @ 39 Cents ℔. day, which [139] with 4 Rations ℔r day, issued at the Alms House, @ 9 cents ℔. ration, brought their wages to 75 cents per day. From the total number of

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 163.*—Ed.

rations issued at the Alms House, 7500. must, therefore, be deducted, as paid for by these labourers.

The Wheelbarrows, which were procured for the Labourers, have been sold at $5. each the original cost, to Capt Whyley for the works at Governor's island.

The Committee further apply for the sum of $1000 on account of their expenses.

Jas Drake
Febry 15th 1808. Jacob Mott
John Slidell.

Warrant Nº 751. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esqr on account of said Committee for $1000.

*The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward to whom the subject was referred reported in favour of the Street Commissioner's report relating to Stanton Street, presented at the last meeting of the Board, which was confirmed accordingly.

A representation of the Attorney, in favour of remitting the fine, as far as the Corporation is concerned, recovered against Samuel Gurnea, for selling liquors without licence, was confirmed.

[140] The Attorney to whom was referred the Bond of Indemnity of Carey Ludlow on his claim against the intestate estate of Reuben Johnson deceased, reported his approbation of the same.

Whereupon resolved that a warrant be issued in favour of Warrant Nº 753. Carey Ludlow for $470.57. the Ballance reported by the Chamberlain as recd and paid into the Treasury of said intestate estate.

The Attorney presented the following

Report

†The Attorney of the Board in the absence of the Counsel has the honour to report,

That according to the Act of the Legislature Revised Laws. Vol. 1. p. 580. s. 38 there can be no doubt, that a Majority of Five persons thereby directed to be appointed is necessary to the discharge of the duties of Overseers of the poor and that a smaller number does not comport with the letter or meaning of the Act. The undersigned is further of opinion, in which he thinks every person will coincide, that five persons, and no smaller number ought to be appointed; the words of the Act being, "The Corporation shall appoint not more

* Marginal note reads *See P. 127.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Resolution P. 107.*—Ed.

"than Five of the Freeholders &c. which said persons being so "appointed or the Major part of [141] them shall have the same "power &c." The words "Major part of them" clearly do not here mean, that a major part of Five may be appointed in the first instance, but taken in their connection and indeed in their separate and independent sense, presuppose the appointment of Five and that of that number, Three, may discharge the duties subject to the control of the whole. The undersigned would not have submitted this report in the absence of his Colleague, had it not been for the direction contained in the resolution that a report should be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

The undersigned takes the liberty to add that the powers given to any two of the Commissioners, in the latter part of the section, form an exception to the general principle, and are confined to the putting or binding out apprentices.

All which is submitted.

Feb. 15th 1808. S. Cowdrey

*Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee appointed to examine into the System of the conduct and management of the Alms House.

The Comptroller presented the following communication.

The Comptroller begs leave to inform the Board that Mr Brown the present occupant of two thirds of the cellar under Catharine Market declines [142] taking it after May next at the present rent.

Mr Brown has proposed to the Comptroller to settle the rent due by him up to May next by a note with a sufficient indorser. The Comptroller does not conceive himself authorized to make that arrangement without the direction of the Board tho' he would recommend it.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Feby 15th 1808. J. Morton.
Compr

†Ordered that the Comptroller be authorized to settle with Mr Brown and accept his note with a sufficient indorser, for the ballance of rent due by him, and that he advertize the premises to be let from and after the 1st day of May next.

The following Report was presented.

‡The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of George

* Marginal note reads *See P. 64.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 349*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 89.*—Ed.

M. Woolsey, praying a Water grant in front of his property on the North river

Reports that in his opinion the prayer of the Petition should be granted under the usual conditions.

Febʸ 15th 1808. J. Morton, Comptʳ

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[143] The Comptroller reported the sum of $2685. in the Treasury.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report.

*The Street Commissioner, charged with the duty of applying to the Proprietors of ground required for Canal Street, has the honor to

Report

1st John Jay & Peter Jay Munro)
2d Dominick Lynch.) These Gentlemen own all the ground through which Canal Street will run on the East side of Broadway, And agreeably to the conditions sometime since entered into between Mr Munro and the Corporation, they will voluntarily cede the whole of Canal Street and such parts of Elm and Crosby Streets, as will pass through their grounds; upon the express condition, however, that they are to be released from all charge for opening Canal Street, on the West side of Broadway.

3d John Cameron, owns a two Story frame house and one lot of ground in Broadway at the corner of and upon the grounds required for Canal Street, the lot is 25 feet on Broadway and 100 along Canal Street, for the whole of the premises and appurtenances he asks £.2500.

4th [144] Thomas Duggan. By the †report of the Committee presented to and confirmed by the Common Council, is to be paid for all the grounds in Canal Street running through his former property, which has not already been valued by the Jury. For the plot bounded upon Broadway and running 100 feet westerly containing about 5000 square feet he asks the same as was given by the Jury to others, which was, as he says 12/6 ℔ square foot, which will at that rate amount to $8000 Dollars: And for the two plots westerly of the above mentioned, and containing about 17.000 square feet, he asks 6/6 ℔. square foot, which he also says was allowed by the former Jury, and will, at that rate, amount to the additional sum of $12.200.

5th Walter Bowne, owns a gore of ground adjoining Mr Duggan

* Marginal note reads *See P. 94.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 92.*—Ed.

on the west and through which Canal Street runs, called on his Map three lots, the ground required will be about 4000 feet: he also owns a lot a little more westerly, of which about 700 square feet will be required. For these plots of ground he asks $2000.

There are no other grounds between Broadway and the Lots on Greenwich Street that will be required for Canal Street except those belonging to the Corporation of Trinity Church and the heirs [145] of Anthony Lispenard deceased. All the other proprietors were included in the former award, which the Acts of the Corporation has, it is believed, sufficiently confirmed.

6th The Corporation of Trinity Church, are proprietors of all the ground in Canal Street from the westerly boundary of ground sold by Anthony Lispenard to Miller & Baker, to the intersection of Watts and Hudson Streets. Some part of it is, however, under a long lease to Mr Lispenard. By a recent cession, that Corporation have ceded all that part of Canal Street which is intersected by Watts, Hudson, Varick and Vestry streets, containing probably one quarter of the grounds solicited of them for this Street.

Mr Barrow has been applied to respecting the cession of the residue. He informed that a meeting of the vestry was to take place last week, but they could not make a Board. He has promised to call a meeting the present week, when the subject of Canal Street will be laid before them. In the mean time he requests that the operations of the Corporation may not be retarded and that the Corporation of Trinity Church will be willing to receive the summons to attend the Jury. In case of cession, previously, the attendance, will of course, be unnecessary: and he says they are willing to take short notice.

7th The Heirs of Anthony Lispenard with one [146] exception own all the residue of Canal Street to the shore of Hudson river; no part of which has been leased except two lots hereafter mentioned. Mr Lispenard left his estate to be divided between his two sons Leonard and Anthony, his daughter Mrs Stewart, and his grand daughter, the daughter of Paul Beach deceased, the latter of whom is still in her minority. Since the death of the father, Anthony Lispenard, the son, has deceased unmarried and intestate; his estate of course devolves upon the Survivors.

Mr Stewart has been appointed Guardian of the daughter of Mr Beach, but he has no power to convey any part of her real estate which remains in common with the other Heirs and undivided.

Mr Stewart is also the active manager of the said undivided estate of Mr Lispenard and contracting for valuable improvements

upon their grounds. The Subscriber has applied to him for a cession, and he has answered that they will, when they have the power, cede all the Streets through their ground in the same manner and upon the same principles as may be done by the Corporation of Trinity Church: but that it would be useless for himself and Leonard Lispenard to cede their rights in Canal Street while the title of Miss Beach would remain an incumbrance thereon: and that in addition to [147] this, it is uncertain how oppressive such an operation will be to them, when a division of the property shall take place; and that it would at any rate, perplex the demands upon the assessments that may be made upon the undivided premises. Mr Stewart further states that he is now preparing a petition to the Chancellor to authorize him to convey some part of his wards real property for the purpose of improving the rest; and that at the same time he will apply for special permission to cede her interests in the Streets, in common with the other heirs, to the Corporation. The reasonableness of such an application creates a strong presumption that it will be successful as her property cannot otherwise be so well improved.

8th Edward J. Ball, owns the lease of a lot of ground situate on the East side of Greenwich Street, 14 years of which is unexpired, the reversion belongs to the heirs of Mr Lispenard. Canal Street cuts a triangular piece from the rear of this lot, containing about one third of it, and for his interest therein, he asks one hundred and fifty Dollars and an indemnification against Mr Lispenards heirs for a due proportion of the ground rents that may accrue, to the expiration of the Lease.

9th James Nelson owns the Lot on the east side of Greenwich Street, adjoining the lot of Mr Ball. Canal Street will cut off about one half of it in a diagonal manner, in which will be [148] included a wooden Stable. He asks £900. for the ground required of him, with permission to remove the Stable. His title is in fee simple and he contends that he will be put to a great expense by paving and regulating Canal Street which will be to him of no use, the remainder of the lot being insufficient for a building.

10th William Tait owns a Smiths shop upon grounds of Mr Lispenard North of Mr Nelson. The ground is let to him annually. Canal Street runs diagonally through the centre of the shop; and he asks 100 Dollars for his right in the premises, with liberty to move his Shop.

11th Lewis Lorton, by virtue of purchase and by a water grant from the Corporation owns 56 feet fronting Greenwich Street on the

west side, and joining Brannon Street on the North and running from thence the same breadth to West Street. This ground is filled and regulated to the East side of West Street, and is joined by Mr Lispenard on the South. Canal Street will cut off above one half the plot between Washington and West Streets, and he rates his interest at £700 per lot of 56 feet in length by 20 in breadth, which amounts to above $10,000. It is here to be observed, that Canal Street will not go through this ground until the Basin lately agreed to be reserved from Washington to West Streets shall [149] be filled, which may not take place for many years hence, but it is still adviseable to extinguish Mr Lorton's title, not only to prevent his building thereon, but also to afford a landing on the North side of the basin.

The Street Commissioner has thus given a fair account of his mission, and hazards the opinion, that the Board ought not to accept the terms offered by the several proprietors on the West side of Broadway, except such other and additional arrangements as may remain in reserve with the Corporation of Trinity Church. And he further states, that it would, in his opinion, be adviseable to accede to the terms agreed to with Mr Jay and Mr Munro, as well as with Mr Lynch for the grounds on the East side of Broadway. The Ordinance to be passed by the Common Council directing the Assessment, may direct the Assessors, in addition to the Sum that may be specified therein, to assess "All the Common Council have paid, or are bound to pay," towards the operation. And the Assessors can easily state such sums as they would probably have assessed upon the property east of Broadway, which can by them be added to the other conditions; for it is in fact the consideration paid or promised to be paid to these gentlemen for their cession, and therefore legally and properly chargeable in the Assessment.

[150] With respect to the property taken by the former award and for which bonds have not been given, the Street Commissioner conceives that the operations of the Common Council upon that award will be sufficient to bind them to a compliance. and he believes there are no fears that the proprietors will decline to accept of the sums then allowed, especially as they claim interest thereon, since the date of the award.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Feby 15th 1808

John S. Hunn
St Commr

Ordered that the same lie for consideration.

The Street Commissioner presented a deed of cession, in the usual form and without any covenants, for such part of Elm, White and Sugar loaf Streets, as belong to John Jay, Gouverneur Morris, James Morris and Henry White being the whole of White and Sugar loaf Streets from Church to Elm Street, and their right in Elm Street, between the ground of the Corporation near Leonard Street, and their ground north of Mr Jay;

Ordered that the same be referred to the Counsel and Attorney.

The Street Commissioner to whom it was referred to give an opinion of the compensation due to N. King for the copy of Mr Colvers Mud machine, reported that in his opinion the charge [151] of Eight Dollars and Fifty cents would be no more than reasonable, which, together with the charge for making out the exemplification of said Colver's patent, would amount to $15.

Warrt No 754. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of the Mayor for that Sum, and that he be requested to remit the same to Mr King at Washington.

The Street Commissioner represented that there is now due to Carmen employed in carting earth to the Collect, the sum of $500.

Warrt No 752. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esqr for that amount to pay the Carmen employed in filling in the Collect.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting various nuisances, from No 4028 to No 4048. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 2.

Freeman Bartholemey, House Carpenter, 16. Bayard Street vice. Jasper Miller resd

David Lewis, Grocer, corner of Division & George v. Moses Marsh. do

Stephen Thorne, Shoemaker. 115. Division v. Danl Williams do

[152] Mr Ludlam offered the following Resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Attorney be directed to prepare a bill by the next meeting of this board for the purpose of being presented to the Legislature with a memorial requesting the same may be enacted into a Law to enable the Corporation to levy and collect taxes and

assessments on vacant lots or parcels of ground within the city and County of New York.

Alderman Mott proposed the following Resolution

*Resolved that the Office of Comptroller be now vacated and it is hereby vacated.

Which, a division being called, passed in *in* the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative			[153] Negative.	
The	Recorder	Messrs Bloodgood	Aldermen	Fish
Aldermen	Mott	Kip		Hopkins
	Drake	Campbell		Mesier
	Wood	Torbert	Messrs	Van Antwerp
	King	Ludlam		Slidell
	Miller	Ward		Mulligan
	12			6

Alderman Mott moved that the Board proceed to the appointment of a Comptroller, in the place of Jacob Morton removed, which was lost.

Alderman Miller called up the following Resolution.

†Resolved that John Pintard, now City Inspector and Clerk to the Common Council, be dismissed from the several Offices holden by him, and he is hereby dismissed.

A Motion for an adjournment was lost.

Mr Mulligan moved that the consideration of said Resolution be postponed, which, a division being called, passed in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative		[154] Negative	
Aldermen	Mott	The	Recorder
	Fish	Aldermen	Drake
	Hopkins		Wood
	Mesier		King
Messrs	Kip		Miller
	Torbert	Messrs	Bloodgood
	Van Antwerp		Campbell
	Slidell		Ludlam
	Mulligan		Ward
9			9

The Board being equally divided the Mayor gave his casting vote in the Affirmative.

Alderman Mott moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment of a Comptroller, which was carried.

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* Marginal note reads *See. P. 66.*—Ed.

† Marginal note reads *See P. 66 174.*—Ed.

On examining the Ballots, Garrit N. Bleecker appeared to be duly elected.

Alderman Wood called up the following Resolution.

*Resolved that Richard Furman now Superintendant of the Alms House, be dismissed from that Office, and he is hereby dismissed.

Which, a division being called, passed in the Affirmative, the Ayes and Nays being the same as on the Resolution for the dismission of Jacob Morton.

The Board proceeded to the appointment of a Superintendant of the Alms House. On examining the ballots William Mooney appeared to be duly elected.

[155] Alderman Miller offered the following resolution, which was passed.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take charge of the Books of the Alms House and report the State of the same to this Board.†

Aldermen Drake, Mott, and Mr Slidell } were appointed the Committee.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

No 743.	George Warner, quartr rent of Carpenter Shop	$17.50
744	Charles Warner, sundry work	12.62
745	George Lewis, carpenters work 3d Dist. Watch House	40.87
746	David King, for sundries	30.75
747	Peter D. Turcot, for cloth for Court room table	7.50
748	Thomas Morris recordg Deed of T. Bailey to Corporn	2.50
749	John Meghan, carting earth to Collect St	54.24
750	Charles Mooney, for intersecn of Greenwich & Canal	50.
751	John Bingham, Esqr on acct of ways & means	1000.
752	do to pay Carmen employed at the Collect	500.
753	Carey Ludlow, balle of intestate estate of Reuben Johnson, deceased	470.57
754.	Dewitt Clinton, Esqr to pay N. King for draft & exemplification of Colvers Dock drudge	15.

Adjourned to meet at the Alms House on Monday next at 3 o'clock P. M.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 66.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. Report P. 164. 284.*—ED.

[156] In Common Council. February 22d 1808

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esqr Recorder.

James Drake	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Samuel Kip	Assistants.
John Bingham		Abraham Bloodgood	
Jacob Mott		Simon Van Antwerp	
Thurston Wood		Thomas J. Campbell	
Abraham King		Stephen Ludlam	
John D. Miller		Jasper Ward	
Nicholas Fish		John Slidell	
Peter Mesier		John W. Mulligan	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council of appointment, having been pleased to appoint the Honorable Dewitt Clinton to the Office of Mayor of this [157] city, who having taken the Oaths of Office prescribed by law, appeared at the Common Council, produced his Commission which was read and published with the usual formalities and he took his seat at the Board.

The Mayor laid before the Board, for the information of the Common Council, the Governor's Message to the Legislature enclosing documents relating to the operations of the General Government towards fortifying the City of New York, together with a Bill, now before the Senate "Supplementary to an Act, entitled "An Act to "cede the Jurisdiction of certain Lands in this State to the United States," passed 20th March 1807." which were referred to the Committee of Defence to report, at a special meeting to be held for the purpose, their observations on the same, and to suggest such improvements or amendments as, in their judgment may appear proper.

The Board agreed to meet on Thursday next at 4 o'clock P. M. to receive the Report of the Committee of Defence.

The Mayor presented a letter from Jacob Morton, late Comptroller, mentioning that a Ballance of money, received by him on account of the Corporation, remained in his hands, and requesting that a Committee may be appointed [158] to examine his accounts to enable him to make a settlement of the same.

Whereupon

Alderman Drake, Fish and Mr Ward } were appointed a Committee for the purpose.

*A Memorial of William Wright and William Post butchers, on the subject of fixing the price that ought to be allowed for Beef

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 234.*—Ed.

furnished for the Rations issued at the Alms House, by order of the Committee of ways and means, was referred to Alderman Miller King and Mr Ludlam.

*A Petition of Matthew Howell for remission of a penalty incurred for infraction of the Law regulating the keeping and transportation of Gunpowder was referred to the Attorney of the Board, with directions to suspend the execution against the petitioner, until he shall report on the subject.

†A Petition of Divie Bethune Attorney of Peter Grant and others, of Inverness in Scotland, representing themselves as Heirs of James Grant who died in this city, during the malignant fever in 1798, intestate; claiming the ballance of his estate received by Daniel Phœnix Chamberlain and paid by him into the City Treasury, was [159] referred to the Chamberlain to report a State of facts.

An Application from Theodosius Hunt and William Thompson, offering $3000. pr an for the lease of Flymarket ferry.

A recommendation in favour of Burdett Stryker to be appointed lessee of said ferry, and

A Memorial against said recommendation, were referred to the Ferry Committee.

‡A Petition of George Largier to be allowed to take home and maintain his bastard child, at present in the care of its mother Catherine Sandford, for which he is bound to provide, was referred to the Attorney.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a well and pump at the corner of Pump and Mulberry Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward, with power to grant on the usual terms.

||A Petition of John J. Lansing and others inhabitants in Broad street, praying that the drain on the west side of said Street may be opened and cleaned, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward and Street Commissioner.

An application of Thomas Duggan respecting his claim for damages for opening Canal Street, was referred to Alderman Miller Messrs Campbell Kip Bloodgood and Ludlam.

[160] An Application of Naphtali Phillip to be appointed City Inspector

A Recommendation in favour of Enoch Hoyt to be appointed Superintendent of Streets.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 189.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 201. 235.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 189.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 218.*—Ed.

Petitions of Anthony Latour, to be appointed Inspector of Streets, and of

Elias Haviland to be appointed Superintendant of Streets, of

Josiah Shippey to be appointed Clerk of the Alms House and of

Daniel Cameron, for an appointment, were severally read and referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

*A Petition of Henry Brevoort and others proprietors of ground in Broadway between Art Street and Bowery, remonstrating against being assessed for opening the same, was referred to the Committee on the subject of which Alderman Wood is Chairman.

†A Petition of several proprietors in Broadway, praying that the present line of said Street between Art Street and Bowery, may not be altered and that the house belonging to David Dunham which encumbers said Street, and which has been paid for and heretofore ordered to be taken down, may be forthwith removed, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[161] ‡A Petition of Garrit Walgrove, John Dennison and George Walgrove, Weighers of Hay, setting forth the hardship of being obliged to pay a compensation for their respective privileges and praying for a reconsideration of the subject, was referred to the Comptroller.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of ways and means

Report.

Seamen.

That since their last Report 13. Seamen have received orders for admission at the Navy Yard.

Rations.

The following is the statement of the Rations issued at the Alms House.

Tuesday. Feb. 16th	5768		
Friday. 19th	5635		
total	11.403	@ 9 cts	$1.026.27

There has been distributed towards the relief of distressed families in Cash

Febr 16	$70.	
since	93.40	
		163.40
Making an expenditure in the course of the last week amounting to		$1189.67

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 187. 250.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 191.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 236.*—ED.

The Committee further Report

[162] That they have examined and adjusted the accounts of Richard Furman late Superintendant of the Alms House relating to the supplies of rations and expenditure of Cash, during his being in Office, which they have found correct and corresponding with their former reports on these heads.

The Committee further apply for a warrant in favour of their Treasurer for One Thousand Dollars, towards their expences.

John Bingham
Jas Drake
Jacob Mott.

Feb. 22d 1808.

Warrt No 765 Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham, on account of the Committee of ways and means for $.1000.

The following Report was presented.

*The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the several applications for the lease of the Flymarket Ferry

Report

That in their opinion the sums that have been offered for said Ferry are more than any one can afford to pay and comply justly with the rules and regulations thereof, consequently, under the existing circum- [163] stances Your Committee do not feel themselves competent to determine which of the said Applicants ought to be preferred.

The Committee having collected all the information in their power, they think it adviseable to lay all the applications and the papers and propositions with the recommendations that have been handed to them before the Board for their determination.

All which is submitted.
Jacob Mott
Simon Van Antwerp
Stepn Ludlam.

Feb. 20th. 1808.

Ordered that the same lie on the Table for consideration.

The following Report was presented

†The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Mr David Dunham for the straightening and narrowing a certain part of Broadway, where it runs into the Bowery Road

Report

That the Committee have viewed the premises and believe that the

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 176.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 137.*—Ed.

alteration solicited, would not be any benefit to the public. They are fully of opinion that the Street ought to remain its full width.

Your Committee further add that they are at a loss to know that when ground [164] has been legally taken by a Jury and assessed and paid for, for the express purpose of a Street, whether the Common Council ought to interfere. The Committee, under these circumstances are of opinion that no alteration ought to be made.

Febʸ 22ᵈ
1808.

All which is submitted
Thurston Wood
Samˡ Kip.

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee appointed to examine and take charge of the Accounts and Books of the late Superintendant of the Alms House

Report

That in conformity with the object of their appointment, they have carefully examined the vouchers of the accounts of Richard Furman for the quarter ending on the 1st instant, and have made further progress in the examination of the Books. That about the sum of Three Thousand Dollars will be due to him on a final settlement of his accounts, and in order that he may pay off all demands against the Alms House prior to the appointment of his successor, they recommend the issuing of a warrant in his favour for the sum of Two Thousand Five hundred Dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

Feb. 22ᵈ 1808.

Jaˢ Drake
Jacob Mott
John Slidell.

Warrᵗ
Nº 766.

[165] Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Richard Furman, in conformity with the preceding Report for $2500.

The following Report was presented.

†The Committee appointed to devise and report a plan for the better regulation and government of the Alms House have the honour to

Report

The following resolutions for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that there shall be immediately nominated by the Com-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 155. 284.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 64.*—ED.

mon Council and appointed under the Common Seal of the city, Five Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said city, by the name and Style of "The Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell of the City of New York," who shall be the Overseers of the poor thereof.

Resolved that a suitable person shall be appointed by the Common Council who shall be the Superintendant of the Alms House during their pleasure, and receive an adequate salary, to be paid quarterly. The present incumbent to continue in office in the same manner as tho' he had been appointed under this resolution.

[166] Resolved that the First Section of the "Rules and Regulations for the government of the Alms House in the City of New York," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Jas Drake
Jacob Mott
John Bingham
Abm Bloodgood
Simon Van Antwerp.

Febv 22d
1808.

A division being called by Mr Mulligan on the last clause of the Second Resolution it passed in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative		Negative
The Recorder	Messrs Kip	Alderman Fish
Alderman Drake	Bloodgood	Mesier
Bingham	Van Antwerp	Messrs Slidell
Mott	Campbell	Mulligan
Wood	Ludlam	
King	Ward	
Miller		

[167] Whereupon the Report was confirmed and the Board proceeded to appoint Five Commissioners, in conformity.

When William Few John Murray Junr and John Mills being nominated were unanimously chosen.

A diversity of opinion existing respecting the other persons nominated, the Board proceeded to the choice of the two remaining Commissioners by ballot: on examining the same John J. Westervelt and John Targee were duly elected.

The Committee on Applications for Offices reported in favour of appointing *Bernardus Rider and †Simeon Crooker Measurers of grain and salt. which was confirmed.

‡The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of Frederick Egbert reported that in consequence of the poverty of the

* Marginal note reads *See. P 45.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 22.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 136.*—Ed.

petitioner and his probable ignorance of the Excise law, the interposition [168] of the Board, tho' not founded in strict justice, might perhaps be reasonably extended.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the penalty incurred, as far as the Board is concerned, be returned to the said Fred[k] Egbert.

The Attorney presented the following report

*The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Deed of Henry Spingler has the honor to

Report

That he finds the same correct in point of legal form and that from information derived from other sources, as to arrangements made with his tenants, there will be no difficulty as to the rents, to which the Board are subjected by the reservations it contains.

He is therefore of opinion that the same ought to be accepted.

All which is submitted.

Feb. 22[d] S. Cowdrey.
1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that M[r] Spingler's former deed be returned to him.

†The Attorney to whom was referred the Account of Robert Bogardus for costs on a non suit [169] in the Cause of Peter Schermerhorn at the suit of the Corporation, amounting to $81.21. reported that, in his opinion, the same was just.

Warr[t] N° 767. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Robert Bogardus, for $81.21.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent, That in pursuing the operations contemplated in the resolutions directing the ‡regulations of the grounds North of Canal Street between Broadway and the East side of Varick Street, he finds them to be so materially connected with, and dependant upon the regulations which ought to be made on the West side of Varick Street, that it is, in his opinion, expedient to take profiles of the Streets lately ceded by the Corporation of Trinity Church North of Spring Street, otherwise errors may occur in fixing the lines for the course of the water, which it may be very difficult afterwards to correct.

The great extent of the low grounds, northwesterly of the dwelling, late of Col. Burr, and which is intersected by Varick Street, will

* Marginal note reads *See P. 3. 78.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 111.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 103. 105.*—ED.

make it necessary to be very particular with respect to the surveys in that vicinity, especially as it will [170] be impracticable to convey the water the whole distance from the Bridge in Art Street, without the aid of a Subterraneous passage, or Canal. And in order that these surveys may not be repeated at the expence of the public, it will be adviseable to place Stones at the most convenient angles, designating the present as well as the intended heights.

The Street Commissioner has further to remark, That the Corporation of Trinity Church have ceded their Streets with an expectation that it would stimulate the Common Council to improve the adjacent grounds, by opening such streets and directing such regulations as may be deemed of advantage to the Community. Under this view of the subject, he takes the liberty to state that the opening of Clarkson Street, on the South side of Williamson's Nursery its intended width from Greenwich to Varick Streets, and directing it to be levelled and regulated between Hudson and Varick Streets, would be a public benefit, by facilitating the communication to the south side of Greenwich, and comport with the wishes of the proprietors. In its present situation, it is dangerous for carriages of every sort, and is daily becoming more so by Carmen digging clay. The proprietors can do this work with ease, and at this time contract for it upon reasonable terms.

[171] The Vestry of Trinity Church will meet this week and not again for some time. And if they are informed of such intended regulations, they will then have an opportunity of signifying their disapprobation of the measure, or, which is more probable, of directing contracts to be made for carrying them into effect.

In order to bring these subjects more specifically before the Board, the Street Commissioner proposes the two following resolutions.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause profiles to be made of the surfaces of such Streets lately ceded by the Corporation of Trinity Church to this Corporation, North of Spring Street, as he may deem necessary more effectually to aid the Surveyors in regulating the Streets between Broadway and Varick Streets, as lately ordered by this Board: and that he cause monumental Stones to be fixed in the most convenient angles and intersections, and a field book to be made descriptive of their several heights of the Streets where they may be placed.

Resolved further, That the Street Commissioner take order for opening Clarkson Street from Greenwich to Varick Streets, and that he direct the same to be regulated from Hudson to Varick Street, at

the expence of the adjoining Proprietors, in such temporary manner and within [172] such reasonable time as he may direct, with the advice and consent of the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Febʸ 22ᵈ 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

*The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on the Assessments, for paving Rynder Street, between Hester and Grand Street and for regulating Mulberry Street from Grand to Broome Street.

Ordered that Warrants to enforce payment be issued in the name of William Dustan.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on the Assessments for paving Grand Street from the Bowery to the West side of Elizabeth Street and Chapel Street from Anthony to Leonard Street.

Ordered that warrants to enforce payment be issued in the name of Oliver Jacques.

Warrᵗ Nº 768. The Street Commissioner represented that Accounts had been handed to him for above $400 on contracts to deliver earth into the Collect, for the payment of which no provision has yet been [173] made and that he daily expects other contracts will be completed; He solicited the Board to issue their warrant in favour of the Committee of ways and means to pay them off.

Warrᵗ Nº 769. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esqʳ for $500. on account of contracts for earth delivered at the Collect. and to John H. Sickles on accᵗ of Building Commᵉ $1000

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances, from Nº 4049 to Nº 4075. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Nº 1.

Benjamin Westervelt, Carpenter, North Moore Street vice John Desbrow, resigned.

Richard Gosline, Plumber, 28. Reed Street vice William Hillyard. dº

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 18.*—ED.

Mr Ward offered the following resolutions which were severally passed.

Resolved that the owners of Lots, on the west side of Cross Street, between Little Water and Magazine Streets, likewise the owners of Lots on Magazine Street near Cross Street on the North side, cause the same to be filled with good and wholesome earth to the permanent regulations of [174] said Streets on or before the first day of April next and fence in the same, under the penalty of One hundred Dollars.

Resolved that the owners of Lots on Broadway, on the east side between Broome and Spring Streets, cause the same to be filled up to the level of the Street on or before the first of April next, under the penalty of One Hundred Dollars.

*Alderman Bingham called up the Resolution for dismissing John Pintard from the several Offices of City Inspector and Clerk of the Common Council holden by him.

The Recorder moved for the previous question,

Which, a division being called, passed in the Negative, as follows.

Affirmative	Negative
The Recorder	Alderman Bingham
Alderman Drake	Wood
Mott	King
Fish	Miller
Mesier	[175] Messrs Kip
Messrs Van Antwerp	Bloodgood
Slidell	Campbell
Mulligan	Ludlam
8	Ward.
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The question was then taken upon the Resolution which, a division being called, passed in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative.	Negative
The Recorder	Alderman Drake
Alderman Bingham	Mott
Wood	Fish
King	Mesier
Miller	Messrs Van Antwerp
Messrs Kip	Slidell
Bloodgood	Mulligan
Campbell	7
Ludlam	
Ward 10	

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 66. 153.*—ED.

Alderman Bingham nominated Clarkson Crolius to be appointed City Inspector and Clerk of the Common Council.

[176] The Board proceeded to the appointment of a City Inspector and Clerk of the Common Council, by Ballot.

On examining the Ballots

Clarkson Crolius had	6 votes	
Samuel Herring	5 "	
Jacob Morton	1 "	
Napthali Phillip	1	
Blanks	2	17

Neither of the Candidates obtaining a majority, the Board proceeded to ballot again when on examining the Ballots

Clarkson Crolius had	8 votes	
Samuel Herring	5	
Blanks	4	17

Neither of the Candidates having a majority the Board proceeded, the third time to ballot;

On counting the Ballots

Clarkson Crolius had	8 votes	
Samuel Herring	5.	
James Hardie	1	
Blanks	3	17

*No choice being made, the Board took up the consideration of the Report of the Ferry Committee, and after discussing the same agreed [177] to appoint a Lessee for the Flymarket Ferry by ballot.

On examining the ballots

Burdet Stryker was chosen Lessee by a majority of votes.

Whereupon the Comptroller was ordered to make out a Lease in his favour for said Ferry to take place at the expiration of the present Lease, for the terms and Sureties offered by him, at the rate of $3050. p^r annum.

†Alderman Miller called up the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Manhattan Company on the subject of purchasing the Water works of the said Company; and moved that the Resolution therein proposed be passed.

M^r Mulligan made a motion for an adjournment which was lost.

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* Marginal note reads *See. P. 162.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 48.*—ED.

The Recorder offered the following as a Substitute for the Resolution.

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York represents

That various plans have been suggested at different times to furnish the said City with an [178] abundant supply of water for the preservation of the public health and the prevention of fires. That in the adoption of proper measures to obtain this important object, it may be adviseable to obtain a transfer of the rights of the Manhattan Company in that respect.

Your Memorialists therefore without considering themselves in the least compromitted to make the said purchase, and without intending to do so, unless the most favourable terms can be obtained, and unless the interests of the city shall require it, do hereby represent to the Legislature their desire that a Law, authorizing such transfer, may pass.

Whereupon Mr Mulligan proposed the following amendment

After the words " it may be adviseable," to strike out the remainder to the conclusion, and insert

"to obtain the exclusive right to supply the said city with good and wholesome water; do hereby request your Honorable Body will pass a law, vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this City the right to supply the said City with good and wholesome water, together with such [179] powers as may enable them to effect the same. Provided the same shall not be done by the President and Directors of the Manhattan Company, within the time for that purpose limited in and by the Act of Incorporation."

Which, a division being called, passed in the Negative, as follows.

Affirmative.		Negative	
Alderman Fish	The Recorder	Messrs Bloodgood	
Mesier	Alderman Drake	Van Antwerp	
Messrs Slidell	Bingham	Campbell	
Mulligan.	Mott	Ludlam	
	Wood	Ward.	
	King		
	Miller		

The question was then taken upon the Substitute proposed by the Recorder, which, a division being called, passed in the Affirmative as follows.

[180]

Affirmative		Negative.
The Recorder	Messrs Bloodgood	Alderman Drake
Alderman Bingham	Van Antwerp	Fish
Mott	Campbell	Mesier
Wood	Ludlam	Slidell
King	Ward	Mulligan
Miller		

Whereupon Ordered that said Memorial be engrossed, the seal of this Corporation be thereunto affixed, and be forwarded to the Legislature at Albany.

Resolved that Mr Pintard be requested to act as City Inspector and Clerk of the Common Council, until a Successor be appointed.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 755	Captain Nicholas Lawrence City Watch.....	$276.36
756	" William Van Wart do	276.36
[181]		
757	Captain William Peterson City Watch.....	256.76
758	" James Snow do	256.76
759	" Thomas Darling do	256.76
760	" Isaac Anderson do	256.76
761.	Abraham Riker, for stone for Supt of repairs.....	20.62
762	Office of Mercantile Advertiser, advertising.....	9.
763	Lang & Turner do	10.49
764	Samuel M. Hopkins, for cash paid for refreshments for Firemen	4.87
765	John Bingham, for Comme of ways & means.....	1000.
766	Richard Furman, On Acct of balle due as Supt of Alms House	2500.
767	Robert Bogardus, Costs of Nonsuit in cause of Peter Schermerhorn adsm Corporn.....	81.21
768	John Bingham, to pay for earth carted to Collect.....	500.
769	John H. Sickles, on Acct of Building Comme.....	1000.

*A Grant to Thomas Smith, for the soil under water, of a lot between North and Romaine Streets.

And a Lease to John Holdron, for Powles Hook Ferry, for 2 Years and 9. Months from the 1st day of May Next, were presented and confirmed, and ordered to be executed under the Seal of this Corporation.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 71 123.*—ED.

[182] In Common Council, Febʸ 25th 1808

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

James Drake	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Samuel Torbert	Assistants.
Jacob Mott		Simon Van Antwerp	
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward	
Abraham King		Thomas J. Campbell	
John D. Miller		Abraham Bloodgood	
John Bingham		Stephen Ludlam	
Thurston Wood			
Peter Mesier			

The Committee of Defence presented the following report.

The Committee to whom were referred certain Maps and Charts of the harbour of New York and a draft of a Bill now pending before the Legislature relative to the cession of grounds to the United States for the purposes of Fortifications &cª having duly examined the subject, submit the following [183] resolution.

Resolved that this Board, confiding in the solicitude of the Honorable the Legislature of this State to obtain sufficient protection for the port and city of New York, submit to their wisdom and discretion the propriety of making such cessions to the United States both of Soil and Jurisdiction as may be necessary to carry into effect that important object.

Nichˢ Fish
Jacob Mott
Abraham King
Jnº D. Miller.

Febʸ 25th.
1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Mayor laid before the Board a return, furnished him by the Commissary of Military Stores, of the Ordinance, Small Arms and materials for the defence of the State of New York, which was referred to the Committee of Defence.

The Mayor presented the following letter to the Board.

New York. 24th Febʸ 1808

Sir.

We are this instant informed that the Honorable the Common Council have been pleased to appoint us Commissioners of the Alms [184] House and Bridewell, and are duly impressed with the honour conferred on us by that appointment, but we do not fully understand what the duties are that may be required of us, nor how far our authority will extend towards a general and complete reformation and arrangement of both those institutions, which we conceive to be im-

portant and indispensably necessary. The law of the City Corporation " for the regulation and better government of the Alms House " is silent on that subject, nor does the Law of the State sufficiently vest and define the powers necessary for the Commissioners to exercise. Under these circumstances we take the liberty of suggesting to the Honorable the Common Council the expediency of pointing out the duties and more explicitly vesting the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell with all the powers necessary to accomplish the objects of their appointment.

We will then endeavour, the utmost of our power, to carry into effect the original intention in establishing those institutions on principles the most beneficial and useful to the public.

We are very respectfully

Yr ob. St

The Hon. Dewitt Clinton — W. Few
Mayor of the City of N York. — John Mills.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on the subject of the Alms House, with directions to report thereon at the next meeting.

[185] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant to pay.

No 770 William Mooney, Supt of Alms House..... $1500.

In Common Council. Febv 29th 1808.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esqr Recorder

James Drake	Messrs Esquires Aldermen.	Simon Van Antwerp	Assistants.
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell	
Abraham King		Jasper Ward	
Thurston Wood		John Slidell	
Nicholas Fish		Stephen Ludlam	
John D. Miller		Abraham Bloodgood	
Peter Mesier		Samuel Kip	
		John W. Mulligan	
		Samuel Torbert	

A Report from the Police Office, that Captain Anderson had suspended John Brown, for sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

[186] *A further Petition of Ann Walker on the subject of relinquishing the purchase made by her late husband James Walker of

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 231.*—Ed.

certain lots at Inclenberg, was referred to Aldermen Drake Miller and King and the former *Committee on the subject was discharged.

A recommendation in favour of James Tompson, to be appointed Inspector of Firewood, was referred to the Committee on applications for offices.

A Letter was received from John Murray Junr resigning his appointment as one of the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell of this City.

Ordered that his resignation be accepted.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of ways and means

Report

That by Captain Chaunceys Return it appears that

47 Seamen have been received at the Navy Yard, of whom
20 have been discharged at their own request, and

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27. remain.

[187] Rations

The following is the statement of the Rations issued at the Alms House.

Tuesday. Febv 23d	.....	5584	
Friday. 26	.....	6348	
Total	.....	11.932 @ 9. cts	$1073.88
There has been distributed towards the relief of distressed families, during the same period, in Cash	.....		180.80
Making an Expenditure in the course of the last week of	.....		$1254.68

Warrt No 778. The Committee requested that a further warrant may be issued in their favour for $1500. on account of their expenditures.

Febv 29th 1808.

John Bingham
Jas Drake.
John Slidell.

†Reports from the Committee on the Petitions of Doctor Arden, and Henry Brevoort and others claiming an exemption from any payment on the Assessment for opening Broadway from Art Street to the Bowery, were referred to Messrs Kip Slidell and Torbert.

* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 246.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 160. P. 250.*—Ed.

*The Market Committee reported in favour of granting Stand N° 7. in Duane Market, now vacant, to John Swaine, which was confirmed.

[188] The following Report was presented.

The Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

†The undersigned being appointed Referrees on the part of the Corporation and the Executors of the Estate of Michael Nestill deceased,

Report

That they have had the subject matter of their appointment under consideration; they have taken a view of the premises, and after mature deliberation, do agree; that the difference on the exchange of the property belonging to the Corporation, and the estate of Michael Nestle ought to be Fifty Dollars: They therefore award to the Corporation the aforesaid Sum of Fifty Dollars to be paid by the said executors as a just equivalent for such exchange.

Clarkson Crolius
P. Bonnett

Feb^{y} 29. 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

‡The Committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported in favour of appointing Hunting Sherrill, Resident Apothecary at the Alms House, which was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly.

[189] ||The Attorney to whom was referred the petition of Matthew Howell reported a communication from the former Attorney on the subject, and submitted for the consideration of the Board the propriety of their further interference.

Ordered that the Petition of Matthew Howell be rejected.

§The Attorney, to whom was referred the Petition of George Largier, reported that it would not be improper to deliver to the petitioner, the child of which he is the reputed father, on his giving satisfactory security to provide for its support.

Ordered that the same be confirmed, and that the subject be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House to take such security as in their judgment may be proper.

The following Report was presented.

¶The Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward to whom was

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 89.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 97 130.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 136.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 158.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See. P. 159.*—ED. ¶ Marginal note reads *See P. 126.*—ED.

referred the several communications of the Street Commissioner, under date of the 4th & 25th of May last and of the 8th inst. respecting the obstructions to the lateral drain at the lower end of Chapel Street, have the honour to

Report

That they have viewed the premises and find several of the cellars now filled 8 or 10 inches with water and rendered unfit for use. [190] That it is represented to them, that the drain, which is of wood, is too small to void the water, and that the mouth of it is continually obstructed by the wash of the streets: but that when the mouth of the drain is cleared the water runs from the cellars in a few hours.

The Committee believe that the most adviseable plan to be adopted at this time is that recommended by the Street Commissioner, to sink the ditch through Chapel Street from the mouth of the drain, and to plank the sides with coarse, refuse plank, to prevent the earth from washing therein and to prevent the carts from crossing it: and they recommend that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to perform the same, under the directions of the Street Commissioner.

The Committee further observe that if it should be found that the drain will not sufficiently vent the cellars, after this operation: that then it will be expedient to pass an Ordinance for opening, cleaning and repairing it, at the expence of the persons who may thereby be benefitted. Or to construct one large enough to answer the purpose.

The Committee also report that they have requested the Street Commissioner to report a further plan of improving Thomas Street, which is now a dead level, when he may find it [191] necessary and the inhabitants shall have consented thereto: and for which purpose he is requested to apply to them, that there may be no charge upon the Corporation, in this respect.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Feb. 29th. 1808. John Bingham, Aldᵉ
Thoˢ J. Campbell

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

*The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the upper part of Broadway, against the alterations in that Street proposed by David Dunham, has the honor to

Report

That he was with the Jury upon the premises when the property

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 160.*—Ed.

of David Dunham and others was valued, for the purpose of opening Broadway. That it was then stated that Mr Dunhams kitchen and stairway were in the street, as well as about 15 or 18 inches of the northwest corner of his main dwelling; but that it would not be expected that he should disturb the main house, until the buildings south of him, on the same side of the street should be sufficiently built up, to warrant such alteration. The Jury, at least many of them, were present when these observations were made, and it is [192] believed by the subscriber, that this circumstance was duly considered by them, as they have allowed Mr Dunham ample compensation for all these contingencies, which has been paid to him, above two years, by the Corporation.

The Street Commissioner further states, that after repeatedly warning Mr Dunham to remove his buildings from the Street, and threatening to prostrate them if he did not, He called and wished a further indulgence of trenching upon the Street, by placing his kitchen which then stood in the Street, to the north of his house, upon a piece of ground less than the kitchen, consequently upon either the Bowery road or upon Broadway. This privilege was of course refused, but Mr Dunham, notwithstanding, has placed his kitchen there, and it is this building, of which the Memorialists now complain.

With respect to the application to narrow the Street, it is well known to every gentleman of the Board, that no such power at present rests with them, and even if it did, there would be a great degree of impropriety in such an act, not only as the width of 80 feet has been taken by the award and assessed; but more especially, as it is within the district of the Commissioners where the Act appointing them stipulates, that the great leading avenues shall be eighty feet in width.

[193] The Street Commissioner is therefore of opinion that the Street should remain of the width taken by the Jury, without any alteration whatever: And that Mr Dunham ought to be directed forthwith to remove so much of the aforesaid Kitchen as may stand upon the Streets, agreeably to the prayer of the Memorialists

All which is respectfully submitted.

Feb. 29. 1808. John. S. Hunn

Ordered that the same be confirmed, and that the Street Commissioner give notice to Mr Dunham, to remove, forthwith, so much of his Kitchen as may encroach upon the public Street.

*The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner is under the necessity of communicating to the Board that Samuel L. Page Junr, who was some time Collector on Street Assessments, has been frequently applied to for a settlement of the monies received by him upon the assessments put into his hands: and that he has at last rendered his accounts, by which it appears he is several hundred Dollars in arrears, which he says he is unable, at this time, to discharge; but offers to the Corporation the lease of a house he has in Greenwich Street near Spring Street market, upon a very low valuation, as the [194] only means in his power to settle the account.

The Street Commissioner not having it in his power to make any such arrangements, but believing it adviseable, promptly to adjust Mr Pages accounts, recommends that a Committee be appointed to examine into the State of the affair, with power to accept of Mr Pages proposition, and to whom the letters from him on the subject and other papers and accounts may be delivered.

The Street Commissioner further states, that he has obtained from Abraham Stagg a statement of his accounts as Collector, by which it appears he has received about One thousand Dollars, for which he has not accounted. That Mr Stagg has due to him about Eight hundred Dollars upon Contracts for regulating Streets, and expressed his wishes, that a set off may take place. The Street Commissioner having no power so to do recommends that the abovementioned Committee be directed to adjust this business with Mr Stagg also.

The Street Commissioner further states that Simon Ackerman was also a Contractor and Collector. That there is several hundred Dollars due to him on his contract, and that he has received a much greater sum upon Assessments as Collector, which has not been paid over. That Mr Ackerman has disappeared, and that his security wishes a settlement and has detained [195] the money due on those contracts, as a set off against the sum for which he has become bound. As the Street Commissioner has no power to make such arrangements, he also recommends that the case of Mr Ackerman be adjusted by the same Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Febr 29th. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Wood Messrs Mulligan and Campbell.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 378.*—ED.

*The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to communicate to the Board, that his application to Mr Barrow for a cession of ground possessed by the Corporation of Trinity Church and required for Canal Street, was laid before the vestry at their last meeting and by them referred to their Committee of leases.

That Committee met on Friday evening and invited the Subscriber to attend them; when he was informed, that they would propose to the vestry to cede all the remainder of ground required of them for Canal Street to the Corporation of New York upon the same conditions as has been [196] proposed by Mr Jay and Mr Lynch: vizt that they are not to be assessed for any ground further required for Canal Street, or for the removal of any buildings or obstruction therein. Considering that the Corporation of Trinity Church have made, gratuitously, a cession of all the Streets intersecting their grounds, of liberal widths, and that Canal Street will pass diagonally through two of their most valuable squares, the Street Commissioner assured the Gentlemen of the Committee that the Common Council, upon an inspection of the Map would consider their proposition in a generous light. And he now recommends the terms proposed.

The difficulties with Mr Duggan having been adjusted according to his wishes, and the necessary applications to treat having been made with all the other proprietors, there remains nothing further to be done, until the Attorney is directed to prepare and serve upon the Sheriff the usual precept for summoning the Jury.

The Street Commissioner sincerely hopes that this business will not be suffered to lie over. The proprietors are now known, difficulties and embarrassments are continually creeping in by every sale or lease. These operations have already been too long delayed, and perhaps a period will not again arrive when this subject can be better handled by the Corporation [197] and more advantageously to the community.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Feby 29th 1808. John. S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the †Committee on the application of Thomas Duggan, Alderman Miller, Chairman.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of filling and fencing in sunken Lots in Magazine and Cross Streets,

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 251.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 159.*—Ed.

agreeably to the Resolution of the Common Council and for correcting other nuisances, from N° 4076 to N° 4104. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

*The Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported the draft of a memorial to the Legislature and of a Bill "for the more speedy collection of Taxes and Assessments in the city of New York," which were read and referred to the Counsel of the Board.

†The same Committee was likewise instructed to prepare a Law to amend the Poor Law.

The following Memorial, together with a draft of a Law for dividing the Seventh Ward of this city, and for extending the time of Charter elections, was presented, and approved and ordered to be engrossed and the Seal of the [198] Corporation to be thereunto affixed and to be forwarded to the Legislature at Albany

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened.

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York

Respectfully sheweth,

That since the passing of the last act for dividing and regulating the respective wards of the said City, by reason of the progressive and unequal increase of population within the same, a considerable inequality exists in the representation of the inhabitants in the Common Council. That the number of the inhabitants residing in the Seventh Ward greatly exceeds the number contained in any of the other wards of the said city, and that it hath been found altogether impracticable to receive the votes of the aforesaid ward at elections for representatives in the Legislature or for Charter Officers.

Your Memorialists considering that an equality in representation is congenial to the spirit of our government and essential to the preservation of liberty: Do therefore respectfully pray, that the Seventh Ward of the City of New York may be divided into two separate and distinct wards in the manner and according to the [199] boundaries contained in the draft of a bill, hereunto annexed and submitted to the consideration of your honorable body.

And Your Memorialists further represent, that it has been found impracticable to receive the votes of Electors at Elections for Charter Officers in other wards of the said city within the period at present allowed by law. And that many Electors have been deprived of an

* Marginal note reads *See P. 65 204.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 209.*—ED.

opportunity of giving in their suffrages, although they have attended for that purpose.

Your Memorialists therefore respectfully pray, that the period allowed by law for the election of Charter Officers may hereafter be extended to three days, subject in every other respect to the provisions contained in the present act which regulates these elections.

And Your Memorialists &c[a]

Draft of the Bill.

An Act for dividing the Seventh Ward of the City of New York, and for extending the time of Charter Elections in the said City.

The preamble recites the substance of the Memorial.

Be it enacted &c[a] That from and immediately after the passing of this Act, the Seventh Ward of the said City of New York, shall be divided into and [200] compose two separate and distinct wards in manner following, to wit; That so much and such part of the said Seventh Ward as is at present contained within a line commencing at and to be drawn from Catharine Market at the East river and thence running up Catharine Street until its intersecting with Division Street and thence through the middle of Division Street until it enters into and unites with Grand Street and thence through the middle of Grand Street to the East river unto the place of beginning so as to include and comprehend the easterly side of Catharine Street and the Southerly sides of Division Street and of Grand Street aforesaid, shall constitute and compose one separate and distinct ward and be called and known by the name of the Seventh Ward of the City of New York: And that all the rest and residue of the Seventh Ward of the said city as bounded, described and regulated by the said Act, shall hereafter constitute and compose another separate and distinct ward, and be called and known by the name of the Tenth Ward of the said City.

And be it further enacted &c[a] that the Electors of the said Seventh Ward, as the same is described and bounded by this Act, possessing the legal qualifications for such purpose shall hereafter elect and choose, One Alderman, One Assistant, Two Assessors, One Collector and two Constables. And further, that the Electors of [201] the said Tenth Ward as the same is described and bounded by the present Act, possessing the legal qualifications for such purpose, shall also hereafter elect and choose one Alderman, One Assistant, two Assessors, one Collector and two Constables. And further that all such other Officers shall be elected and appointed in the said Seventh and Tenth Wards

respectively as are by law to be elected or appointed in the other respective wards of the said city. Provided always and it is hereby directed that the Alderman and Assistant, Assessors, Collector and Constables of the present Seventh Ward, elected before the passing of this Act, shall remain in Office and continue to perform their respective duties for the said Seventh and Tenth Wards, until the first Monday in December next, in the same manner as if the present Act had never been passed.

And be it further enacted &c. That elections for Charter Officers of the City of New York shall hereafter be held and continued and the polls of election remain open for the period of three days, commencing at the time and subject in every other respect to the regulations prescribed and directed in and by the Act entitled an Act "relative to the election of Charter Officers in the City of New York."

*The City Treasurer pursuant to the order of the Board reported, that James Grant, Merchant from Philadelphia, died in this city in the year 1799. [202] That having collected the monies due to him, and paid the respective creditors the amount of their demands against the said James Grant, there was a ballance of $97.70. remaining in his hands which was carried to the credit of the City and County of New York.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney.

An Application from the Assignees of the estate [of] Theophylact Bache deceased, requesting that the quit due on four houses and Lots, situate in Water and Front Streets, belonging to said Estate may be ascertained, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward.

Resolved that the Road Committee be authorized to cause so much earth to be removed from Art Street between Broadway and the Bridge, as may be necessary to open said Road to such width that Carriages may with safety pass each other.

The Board proceeded to elect by ballot Three Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell, in the place of

John J. Westervelt, whose appointment was vacated, on account of filling the office of Purveyor of the Alms House, and of John Murray Jun^{r} and John Targee resigned.

[203] On counting the Ballots Peter Bonnett, George Warner and Philip J. Arcularius were duly elected.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 158. 235.*—ED.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 16

Thomas A. Ronalds, Bookseller, 188. Pearl, v. Dan. Slocum res[d]

N° 28

George Edwards, Scalebeam maker, Daniel Livingston, Cordwainer additional Members See P. 130.

Ordered that the Recorder issue his warrants to pay

N° 771.	Samuel Stillwell for surveying	$157.	6
772	Matthew Dikeman, repairs to Pumps	83.	
773	Cornelius Brinkerhoff. d°	61.	
774	Barthow Skaats, Salary for self & Asst	113.	
775	John Declew, Inspecr of Bread. Salary	90.40	
776	Abner Curtis, for attende of Constables on duty	14.	
777	James Horner, repairs to a well	22.63	
778	George McCamman, spreading manure in Park	11.37	
779	Mark McCamman, labour for Supt of repairs	29.	
780	William Thompson, carting manure to Park	138.68	
781	James Horner, repairs to wells & Pumps	59.20	
782	Edward Moran, Salary, as Asst to City Inspecr	50.	
783	Andrew Otterson d°	50.	
784	Lewis Angevine, for Assesst on Art Street	105.75	
785	Robinson & Curtis, carriage hire for St Commr	21.	
786	James Hardie, Salary	62.50	
787	Charles Loss, City Surveyor	109.50	
788	John Bingham, on acct of Comme of ways & means	1500.	

Adjourned to meet on Thursday next. 4. P. M. to receive the Report of the Committee on the Memorial & Bill for the more speedy collection of Taxes and Assessments.

[204] In Common Council March 3d 1808

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder.

Jacob Mott	Messrs Esquires Aldermen	John Slidell	Assistants.
James Drake		Abraham Bloodgood	
Abraham King		Thomas J. Campbell	
Peter Mesier		Simon Van Antwerp	
Thurston Wood		Stephen Ludlam	
John D. Miller		John W. Mulligan	

The Counsel to whom the subject was referred reported the following draft of a Bill for the more speedy collection of Taxes and Assessments in the City of New York, together with a *Memorial to

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 197.*—Ed.

the Legislature on the subject, which were approved, ordered to be engrossed and the Seal of this Corporation to be thereunto affixed, and to be forwarded to the Legislature at Albany.

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly, convened

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen [205] and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

Respectfully sheweth

That the collection of taxes and Assessments in the said city on Lots belonging to various descriptions of persons is attended with great delay and inconvenience, and that the existing Laws do not furnish any adequate remedy. Your Memorialists refer especially to cases in which those Lots are vacant or in which their owners are unknown or being known are minors or absent or refuse or neglect to pay the said taxes and assessments and have no personal estate on which the same can be levied.

That where taxes or assessments, on account of either of the above circumstances cannot be collected or remain unpaid, the individuals in the respective wards in the first case are subjected to the hardship and injustice of making up the deficiencies and are rarely, if ever reimbursed, on account of the tedious and complicated mode pointed out by law for that purpose. And in the second, Your Memorialists are obliged to advance large sums of money to effect the necessary regulations and improvements of the said city.

With respect to the Collection of taxes in the City of New York, Your Memorialists conceive that circumstances require a greater promptitude than is necessary in other parts of the State. When the [206] indispensible and increasing expenses attendant on its multiplied concerns, mutations which are continually taking place in titles, and which are as secret as they are constant: the disposition too common to evade or delay the payment of those impositions which are made for salutary and general purposes. The inconsiderableness of their individual, yet the importance of their aggregate amount, and the embarrassments which ensue on the delay of their collection: When these considerations are accurately weighed, Your Memorialists feel a confidence that Your Honourable Body will agree in the opinion that different rules ought to prevail in the City of New York on the subject of taxation from those which are adapted for the counties at large.

Your Memorialists do therefore respectfully pray that Your Honourable Body will be pleased to take the subject of this Memorial into

consideration and grant such relief in the premises, as in the wisdom of Your Honourable Body shall be deemed just and proper.

New York. 3d March 1808. And Your Memorialists &ca

Draft of a Law for the more speedy collection of Taxes and Assessments in the City of New York.

1 Be it enacted &ca That whenever any tax of any description on Lands or Tenements within the City of New York shall remain un- [207] paid on the day upon which the Collectors are limited by Law to account for the collection of the same, and the Collectors of the Ward in which the same shall be charged shall make oath before the Mayor or Recorder or one of the Aldermen of the said City, that the owner or owners of the premises on which the same is imposed, cannot upon diligent inquiry be found, or that being found, he, she or they have not sufficient personal estate whereon the said Tax can be levied, it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to take order for advertising the same in two or more of the public newspapers printed in the said City, for three weeks, each day successively (except Sundays) thereby requiring the owners of such lands and tenements respectively to pay the amount of such tax so remaining unpaid, to the Treasurer or Chamberlain of the said City; and that if default shall be made in such payment, such lands and tenements will be sold at public auction at a day and place therein to be specified, for the lowest term of years at which any person shall offer to take the same in consideration of advancing the amounts of the taxes so remaining unpaid, together with all costs and charges aforesaid, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, to cause such lands and tenements to be sold at public auction, for a term of years, for the purposes and in the manner expressed in the said advertisement, and to give a declaration of such sale, to the purchaser under the Common Seal of the said City: And such purchaser [208] his executors, administrators and assigns, shall by virtue thereof and of this Act, lawfully hold and enjoy the same for his and their own proper use against the owner or owners thereof, and all, persons claiming under him or them until his said term therein shall be fully complete and ended; and be at liberty to remove all the buildings which he, she or they shall erect thereon during the said term within one month after the expiration of the said term.

2. And be it further enacted, That all the provisions, herein before

made relative to taxes on Lands or Tenements within the City of New York, remaining unpaid, Shall apply to all such taxes charged on Lands or Tenements within the said city, as shall appear by the returns of the respective collectors at any time heretofore to be in arrear.

3. And be it further enacted, That whenever arrearages of any tax shall be collected in manner aforesaid, it shall be carried to the credit of the Ward in which it shall be charged.

4. And be it further enacted, That the provisions contained in the seventeenth section of the Act, entitled "An Act for the better govern-"ment of the City of New York and to grant certain additional "powers and rights to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty thereof, "and to explain, continue and amend the respective acts therein "mentioned" passed April 2. 1806. Shall [209] be and are hereby extended to cases in which the Collector mentioned in the said section shall make Affidavit in the manner therein specified that the owner or owners of any Lot or Lots therein described is or are unknown or cannot upon diligent enquiry be found.

*The following draft of a Bill was also reported, approved, ordered to be engrossed and to be transmitted to the Legislature at Albany.

An Act to amend an Act "entitled an Act for the settlement and "relief of the Poor and for other purposes."

Be it enacted &c[a] That the person or persons, who may have or hereafter shall come into any City or Town within this State, from any other State within the United States of America shall not be deemed and adjudged legally settled agreeable to the first section of the Act hereby amended, unless the party shall first prove to the satisfaction of the Overseers of the poor of such city or town, or any person having the same power and authority, that after his or her arrival therein, he or she, as the case may be, shall have acquired such requisites to constitute a settlement as is necessary in and by the laws of such State from whence he or she may have or hereafter shall come as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That all and singular the power and authority vested in the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York [210] or any three of them, in and by virtue of the 4th. 9th. 10th. & 11th Sections of an Act entitled an Act "Concerning Apprentices and Servants," be and the same are hereby given to and conferred upon the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell of the City of New York, in relation to the Children bound out agreeable to the directions of the said Fourth Section of the Act last aforesaid.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 197.*—ED.

A Petition from a large number of labourers in this City, out of employment in consequence of the existing Embargo, praying for an increase of rations for the support of their families, was referred to the Committee of ways and means with discretionary power to employ suitable persons to examine into the wants of the petitioners, and to report to the Common Council what additional relief ought to be extended.

The following communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell was presented.

Alms House, March 2d 1808

Sir

In pursuance of our appointment, we have this day convened and taken a general view of the arrangements of the Alms House, which we believe to be susceptible of many alterations and amendments that [211] will require much application and great attention to accomplish; but under the existing laws, we do not conceive ourselves sufficiently authorized to act effectually and therefore take the liberty of suggesting to the Honourable the Common Council the expediency of giving the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell full power to do and perform every Act and thing necessary for the better regulation, improvement and government of those establishments, except the application of money and appointment of officers. So soon as the Honourable Common Council may please to vest the Commissioners with the necessary powers, we will then commence the business and will endeavour to the utmost of our power to perform the duties of our appointment in such way as may encrease the usefulness of those institutions, and be most beneficial to the public.

We are very respectfully
Your obedient Servants.

William Few
John Mills
George Warner
J. Bonnet
Philip J. Arcularius

The Honourable
P. C. Van Wyck
Recorder.

*Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Mott Mesier King Messrs Bloodgood & Slidell.

The Committee on the Collect, were empowered to adopt such measures as they may judge expedient for the removal of the Mud therein.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 242.*—ED.

[212] In Common Council. March 7th 1808

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck. Esqr Recorder.

James Drake	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Abraham Bloodgood	Assistants.
Jacob Mott		John W. Mulligan	
Abraham King		John Slidell	
Thurston Wood		Jasper Ward	
Peter Mesier		Simon Van Antwerp.	
John Bingham		Samuel Kip	
John D. Miller		Thomas J. Campbell	
		Stephen Ludlam.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Martin Lemmons for a licence to sell meat by the quarter in the lower part of the Flymarket, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Graham for a butchers licence and to be allowed the [213] stand No 13. in Catherine Market, relinquished by John Fitzgerald, was granted.

Petitions of Cornelius Cooper, to be appointed Superintendant of Streets and of James Gray, to be appointed Deputy Street Inspector. were referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

Petitions of William Miller and Smith Richards to be appointed Measurers of Salt & Coal were granted.

A representation of William Chevers Deputy Clerk of the Market, complaining of abusive conduct on the part of Samuel Winship and his refusal to make his return and to settle his market fees, was referred to the Market Committee.

An Application of Benjamin Halsted, setting forth that he has been illegally assessed, he being an Artilleryman and exempt by law, and requesting that the tax of One Dollar paid by him to the Collector may be refunded, was referred to the *Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward.

[214] A petition of James Hook for relief on account of $100. recovered against him by an old woman for damages for breaking her leg by falling into the Area of his house, which was not railed in, in consequence, as he sets forth, of a public well that was digging, at the time the accident happened, within 4 feet of said Area, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

†An Application of David Godwin lessee of Hoboken Ferry, requesting that some accommodation may be provided for the protection

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 233.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 19. P. 170.*—Ed.

of his Ferry boats, in tempestuous weather, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

*An Application from a Committee of Tammany Society, respecting the interment of the relics of American Seamen, who perished on board the Jersey Prison Ship, at the Wallabout during the revolutionary War, requesting the concurrence and co-operation of the Corporation, was referred to Alderman King Messrs Mulligan and Bloodgood.

†A Memorial of the Collectors of the Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Wards [215] setting forth the extreme difficulty of collecting the taxes in said wards, owing to the entire stagnation of business, in consequence of the present situation of public affairs, and requesting that the period for making their final returns may be extended to the first day of July next, was referred to Alderman Drake Messrs Ward and Mulligan.

‡A Petition of Samuel McNeil to be liberated from confinement on a suit recovered against him as surety for Robert Miller in a Bastardy Bond, was referred to the Attorney, with directions to report at the next meeting.

A Memorial of Thomas Duggan and others, requesting that legal measures may be taken to remove the House of John McCammon, which encumbers Canal Street, was referred to the Committee of which Alderman Miller is Chairman.

A Petition of John Hibberd to be allowed to transfer the lease of his lot, numbered 105. in Chatham Street, to Michael Cashman, was granted.

On application of Joseph Griffith, certified according to law, for payment for two Fire buckets lost at the Fire in Harman Street, on the 8th of [216] January last.

Warrt
No 832. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in his favour for $4.

||A Petition of John Fell, for the restoration, as far as the Corporation is concerned, of Twenty Barrels Flour, shipped by him inadvertently as Ships stores, without any intention to elude the Law, and which have been seized by the Inspector of Flour, was referred to Messrs Bloodgood Slidell and Alderman Mesier.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 267.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 234.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 236.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report P 264.*—Ed.

The following Report was presented
The Committee of Ways and Means
Report

Seamen.

That by Captain Chauncey's Return it appears, that
51. Seamen have been admitted at the Navy Yard.
26. " have been discharged &c.

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and 25. remain.

Rations.

The following is the Statement of Rations issued at the Alms House.

Tuesday. March. 1	6352		
Friday. 4	6371		
Total	12.723.	@ 9 cts	$1145. 7
[217] There has been distributed towards the relief of distressed families, during the same period in cash			162.21
Making an expenditure in the course of the last week, amounting to			1307.28. Dollars

The Committee further apply for a Warrant in favour of their Treasurer for $1500. on account of their expenses.

John Bingham. Ch.man
March 7th 1808.
Jacob Mott
Jas Drake
Jno Slidell
John W. Mulligan.

Warrt No 830 Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esqr for $1500. on account of the Committee of Ways and Means.

The following Report was presented.

We the Subscribers having been appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of Jacob Morton late Comptroller of the city do
Report

That we have carefully examined the same; that the sum of Fifteen thousand, seven hundred and Forty nine Dollars $58/100$ appears to have been received by him, for the purposes stated in the said account and that the sum of Fifteen thousand two hundred and Thirty nine [218] Dollars and $9/100$. has been paid by him agreeably to the directions of the Board and for which he has presented to us regular and

satisfactory vouchers. That there is a balance in his hands of Five hundred and ten Dollars and $^{49}/_{100}$ due to the Corporation, which sum we recommend should be paid over by him to the Chamberlain of the City, and that upon payment of said Ballance his Bond to this Board be cancelled.

Which is respectfully submitted

March. 7th 1808.

Nichs Fish.
Jas Drake.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented

*The Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Broadstreet, praying that the drain on the west side of the said Street may be opened and cleansed, have the honor to

Report

That this drain is composed of Wood, and as appears from the Minutes of the Common Council, has lain since the year 1790 when the pavement in Broad Street was taken up and altered from the old method of [219] conveying the water through the centre of the Streets. It is now obstructed opposite the dwelling of Mr Stevenson and from the long time it has been down, it is very probable that when opened, it will be found to be very rotten and to require considerable repairs, if not to be made new.

From the best information Your Committee have been able to obtain, they believe that, taking into consideration the great expence that the repaving so wide a street would be to its inhabitants, at a time when the city was resuscitating from the calamities of a ruinous war, the Common Council consented to defray the expense of the drain out of the public Treasury, without in the least compromitting themselves with respect to future alterations or repairs.

Your Committee further report, that this drain is intended for the sole purpose of discharging the water from the cellars; That no part of it receives the water from the Street; and that it has invariably for many years, been the practice of the Common Council, in such cases, to assess the persons benefitted, agreeably to Law, without contributing any thing towards it themselves.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the drain be opened and repaired as far as it may be deemed, upon examination to require it; and if so rotten as to be irreparable, that a new drain be constructed

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 159.*—Ed.

of wood: but that [220] if a majority of the proprietors, immediately interested, shall, in two weeks, signify their assent, that then, and in that case, the same shall be constructed and laid with brick: and that an Ordinance be passed to that effect.

The draft of such Ordinance the Committee have enclosed for the consideration of the Board,

All which is respectfully submitted

March. 7th 1808.

Peter Mesier.
John Slidell
John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed, and that the Ordinance, as reported, be passed in conformity, and that Andrew Morris, Thomas Storm, John H. Sickels, Daniel J. Ebbets and Robert Morris be appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner represented that in consequence of being interested in the Lots at Hamilton square, as for other considerations, he felt a delicacy in acting on the *Resolution of the Common Council, of the 4th December last, directing him to treat with the proprietor of the ground, west of said Square for the purpose of †extending the same; and requested that the subject might be referred [221] to a special Committee.

Whereupon

Alderman Mesier, Messrs Ludlam and Torbert } were appointed a Committee for the purpose.

The Street Commissioner presented a return made by Abraham Stagg of the Delinquents on the Assessment for sinking a bulkhead at the foot of Montgomery and Scammel Streets.

Ordered that a warrant to enforce payment be issued in favour of William Dustan.

The Street Commissioner represented that the Sum of $400 was now due to the Contractors for delivering earth at the Collect.

Warrt No 831. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esqr for that amount to discharge the same.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances from No 4105. to No 4131. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

A duly authenticated Copy was presented of An Act of the Legislature to amend an Act entitled " An Act for the better government of

* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 389.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 345.*—Ed.

the City of New York and to grant certain powers and rights to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty thereof, and to explain and amend the respective Acts therein mentioned" passed 2d April. 1806." Passed January 26th. 1808. Which Act reserves [222] all that part of the water adjacent to the wharves in this city from the East side of Coenties Slip to the West side of Whitehall Slip for the sole accommodation of Sloops and other market vessels, using the trade of this city, from the 20th of March until the 20th of December in each and every Year.

Ordered that the same lie for consideration.

*On the recommendation of the Committee on applications for Offices.

Amos Corning was appointed City Surveyor.

The following Resolution was offered.

Resolved that William Bridges City Surveyor be and he is hereby dismissed from the Office of City Surveyor.

Which, a division being called, passed in the affirmative as follows.

Affirmative.				[223] Negative	
Aldermen	King	Messrs	Bloodgood	Alderman	Mesier
	Wood		Ward	Messrs	Mulligan
	Bingham		Kip		Slidell.
	Miller		Campbell		
			Ludlam.		

A concourse of Labourers out of employment attended in the Lobby of the City Hall A Committee of whom was introduced to the Common Council, and represented the distress which they experienced for the want of occupation to enable them to support their families.

They were directed to meet the Committee of Ways and means at the Alms House tomorrow, who would adopt measures for their relief.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to confer with Captain Whylley, Commandant at Fort Columbus, on the subject of employing as many labourers as possible on the public works at Governor's island.

Aldermen King, Mesier and Mr Campbell } were appointed said Committee

The Committee of Finance were directed to report at the next meeting the †State of the Funds of this Corporation.

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* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 423a.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 232.*—ED.

Alderman Miller gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board, he should [224] offer a Resolution to arrest, for the present, the progress of the building of the New City Hall.

Fire Engine Company N° 7.

James Willett, Grocer, 17 Beekman Street was appointed Fireman vice Dugald M^cKenzie res^d

The Chief Engineer certifying a correspondent vacancy.

Ordered that the Recorder issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 789	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$276.36
790	" William Van Wart do	.....	276.36
791	" William Peterson. do	.....	256.76
792	" James Snow do	.....	256.76
793	" Thomas Darling. do	.....	265.16
794	" Isaac Anderson do	.....	263.76
795	James Jacocks. repairs to Pumps	.....	138.12
796	Luke Torboss, for Painting Pumps	.....	41.72
797	" do Battery & Park fences	.....	44.16
798	" do Watch Boxes and Houses	.....	15.39
799	" glazing City Hall &c^a	.....	20.25
800	" do Gaol	.....	3.75
801	" Painting Lamp posts	.....	12.75
802	" do Markets	.....	24.37
803	" do Engine houses	.....	10.50
804	" do Constables Staves	.....	73.
805	Henry Hillman, repairs to Streets	.....	133. 8
806	[225] Jacob Morton, Salary as Comptroller	.....	117.75
807	Daniel Davis, repairs to Pumps	.....	69. 6
808	Beekman Van Beuren do to roads	.....	683.51
809	Henry C. Southwick, for printing	.....	69.37
810	Frederick Eckert, Carpenter's work for Supt repairs	.....	31.25
811	" do for pumps	.....	40.
812	" do Markets	.....	3.75
813	" do Gaol & Bridewell	..	103.75
814	Joseph Boyd, carting for Supt repairs, for Docks	.....	26.
815	" do Wells	.....	20.
816	" do Lamps	.....	10.
817	" do Engines	.....	6.
818	" do Watch	.....	9.
819	" do Collect	.....	3.
820	" do Alms H°	.....	5.
821	Jacob Straut. do Docks	.....	32.
822	" do Wells	.....	9.
823	" do Lamps	.....	5.
824	" do Watch	.....	3.
825	" do Engines	.....	4.
826	" do Markets	.....	1.
827	Barker Pierson & C° Kettle &c^a for City prison	.....	22.21

N° 828	Beekman & Bogert, Carriage hire for Comm^e of repairs....			$3.
829	John V. Brevoort, Sundry repairs to Gaol.....			13.31
830	John Bingham, on acc^t	Comm^e	ways & means.....	1500.
831	"	d°	Collect	400.
832	Joseph Griffith	d°	2 lost Fire buckets.....	4.

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Present Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire Recorder.

James Drake	Messrs	Simon Van Antwerp	Assistants.
Jacob Mott		Abraham Bloodgood	
Abraham King		Samuel Torbert	
John Bingham	Esquires	Jasper Ward	
Thurston Wood	Aldermen	John W. Mulligan	
Samuel W. Hopkins		John Slidell	
Peter Mesier		Thomas J. Campbell	
John D. Miller		Stephen Ludlam	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports from the Police Office that Capt Lawrence had suspended Amos Leferge for absence from his post.

Capt. Peterson had suspended James Leferge
" Anderson " John Warner
" Darling " John Woolsey Corns Post and Benj^a Stillwell for sleeping on their Posts [227] and that Capt Anderson had suspended John Brown, for being intoxicated on his post, were severally referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and pump in Sheriff and Broome Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward, with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of Susan Dobbs, to be permitted to occupy an apartment in the buildings at Bellevue gate, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th. Ward.

A Memorial of William Kay to be allowed, as heretofore, a participation in the employment of digging and repairing the public Wells, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Memorial of Burdet Stryker, lessee of Flymarket ferry requesting that he may [be] permitted to occupy the whole of the Slip for the accommodation of the Ferry boats, for which privilege he is willing to allow a reasonable equivalent was referred to the Ferry Committee, and the Committee on Wharves and Slips.

*A Petition of the inhabitants of the First and Third wards, to extend the accommodation of Albany Basin by building piers with

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 266.*—ED.

an L on the North and South sides thereof as far as the permanent line, was referred to the same Committee.

[228] A Petition of William Wright and William Post butchers, on the subject of their supplies of Beef, for the rations issued at the Alms House, requesting that a higher price may be allowed for the same, than their contract price for Beef furnished for the Alms House and Bridewell, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

*An Application of Jacob Morton late Comptroller, for compensation for drafting deeds for the Inclenberg Lots, was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of sundry Masters and Owners of vessels using the public Slips recommending the leasing the same to Charles Smith former lessee, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Slips and Piers.

†An Application of Benjamin Waldron to be permitted to blast a rock in the public road at the 3. Mile Stone and to retain the stone, as compensation for his expense and labour, was referred to the Road Committee with power to grant the privilege, if proper.

An Application of Carey Ludlow respecting a judgment obtained against him by John Strong for part of a partition wall built by him adjoining the premises lately held by the petitioner, belonging to the Corporation in Chatham Street, and for which he has applied for a renew- [229] al of the lease; and further requesting that the Attorney of the Board may be directed to defend another suit brought against him in the Justices Court, to be tried the 15th inst. for $50 damages for the expense of cutting off the gable end of the House on the premises aforesaid, which projected over the Lot of the said Strong, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward and the Attorney of the Board.

‡A Petition of Henry Ryer for a stand in Duane Market was referred to the Market Committee.

An Application of Jacob Patcher, butcher, to be permitted to erect Scales for weighing meat in the lower end of the Flymarket, was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Francis Bibbens requesting to be employed in taking charge of the Park, was referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House.

||A Memorial of Peter P. Van Zandt praying to be relieved from

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 288.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 269.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 479.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 344.*—ED.

the Assessment, charged against him, for the improvement of Burling Slip, in consideration as he sets forth of cessions formerly made by him for widening said Slip, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward.

*A Memorial of Archibald Gracie and others praying the interposition of this Corporation to obtain from the Legislature a grant of part of the public [230] ground attached to the government House for the purpose of extending Bridge Street from Whitehall Street to the Battery, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward Messrs Torbert Ward and the Street Commissioner.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of Ways and Means

Report

Rations.

That the following is the statement of the Rations issued at the Alms House, Vizt

Tuesday, March 7th	5921		
Friday " 11th	6003		
Total	11.924	@ 9 cts	$1073.16
There has been distributed towards the relief of distressed families, during the same period, in cash			122.19
Making an expenditure in the course of the last week, amounting to			$1195.35

The Committee further apply for a warrant in favour of their Treasurer for $1000. on account of their expenses.

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John Bingham
Jas Drake
Jacob Mott
John W. Mulligan
John Slidell.

Warrt Nº 842. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esqr for $1000. on acct of said Committee.

[231] The following Report was presented.

†The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ann Walker, Widow of James Walker deceased respecting the purchase of the Inclenberg Lots

Report

That they have examined on oath, Peter Walker, Thomas Duggan and Elizabeth Duggan respecting James Walker's capability of transacting business at the time the Inclenberg Lots were sold at Auction,

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 248. 269.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 186.*—Ed.

and from the respectability of the deponents, Your Committee are decidedly of opinion that the said James Walker was, at the time of said purchase, deranged in his mind and consequently utterly incapable of transacting any business that would be absolutely necessary in a man of prudence and sound understanding. Your Committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and the Comptroller be directed to make the necessary arrangement.

Jas Drake
March. 14th 1808. Abraham King
Jno D. Miller

Lot No	1	$1610
	6	510
	9	1250
	15	910
	59	1010
		$.5.290

*Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on the Inclenberg Lots. Alderman Wood Chairman.

[232] †The following Report was presented.

The Finance Committee

Report

That the following is a statement, as nearly as can be ascertained at present, of the debts due to the Corporation and the amount that will probably be paid into the Treasury by the 1st May next.

			Probable receipts by. 1st May.
Taxes	$50.892.13		
deduct Commn & Insolvts	9.000		
		41.892.13.	$15.000.
Inclenberg Lots		30.949.20	
Water Lots, Ground, House & Store rents already due	15.954. 9		
do due. 25th inst	6.500.		
		22.454. 9	10.000
Docks and Slips		7.300.	4.000
Hamilton Square Lots, Int included to 1st May next		6.129.98.	3.000
Auction Sales to April next about		6.000.	3.000
Ferries to 1st May next		2.532. 4	1.500
Tavern Licences, 3 mos average		1.456.17.	1.000
Hay Scales		800.	500
Markets		200.	200

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 131.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 223.*—Ed.

		Probable receipts by. 1st May.
On Broadway	5.000.	2.500
Varick Street	2.000.	500
Amity Street	12.000.	.....
	$138.713.61.	$41.200

It appears that the above sum will be due to the Corporation, on an average estimate, the 1st May next; [233] but from the uncertainty of collecting some of the items for the present, it is presumed that not more than about Forty One thousand Two hundred Dollars can be calculated on within the abovementioned time.

Abraham King
Jas Drake
John Bingham
Jasper Ward
Abm Bloodgood.

14 March.
1808.

The following Report was presented.

*The Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward, to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Halsted

Report

That they have no doubt that Mr Halsted is an Artilleryman and that he has paid One Dollar and 12. cents tax: But they are not sure that the Assessors did not, when his personal estate was rated, take into consideration the reduction the law requires: But if the Assessors did not, it was the duty of Mr Halsted to have called on them and had it corrected as the Law directs. They are of opinion, therefore, that it will be improper for the Board to interfere in this case.

Jas Drake
Abm Bloodgood.

March. 14th 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented

[234] †The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Collectors, of the 2d 3d 5th 6th and 7th Wards

Report

That in their opinion, it is at this time, inexpedient for the Common Council to interfere.

Jas Drake
Jasper Ward
John W. Mulligan

March. 14th.
1808.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 213.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P 214.*—Ed.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Clerk give notice to the said Collectors accordingly.

The following report was presented.

*The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Wright and William Post butchers, praying relief for the loss they sustained in supplying the Committee of ways and means with Beef to be distributed to the poor of the City:

Report

That they have maturely considered the subject and the situation of said petitioners, and are of opinion, that from the prompt manner in which they supplied the Committee when called upon, and which far exceeded the quantity calculated upon, as obliged them from the pressing demand to purchase Beef of a superior, when that of an ordinary quality would have answered the purpose. Therefore recommend that the petitioners be relieved in the premises, and that they be allowed for the Beef [235] so furnished the Committee, Four Dollars and Twenty five cents for each hundred, which will nearly if not quite indemnify them for the loss they may have sustained.

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1808.

John D. Miller
Stepn Ludlam
Abraham King.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Attorney presented the following Report.

†The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of Divie Bethune, Attorney of the Heirs of James Grant with the accompanying documents, has the honor to

Report

That he has examined the instruments constituting Mr Bethune Attorney of the heirs and finds them correctly drawn. The application is however deficient in a very material point, as it furnishes no evidence or proof whatsoever of the consanguinity or heirship of those on whose account it is made. This is left to be presumed, and altho' that presumption may be correct, yet the undersigned is of opinion, that the Board ought to receive, in cases like this, the best evidence which can reasonably be supposed to exist. He therefore recommends that the petition in this case be dismissed.

All which is submitted.

March. 14th 1808. S. Cowdrey.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 158.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 158. 201. 262.*—ED.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that [236] Divie Bethune be permitted to withdraw his petition.

The Attorney presented the following Report.

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of *Samuel McNeil, has the honor to

Report

That he has enquired into the circumstances of the Petitioner, and finds them such as are stated in his petition: He therefore recommends the following resolution:

Resolved that the former Attorney of the Board be and he is hereby directed to discharge Samuel McNeil from confinement on his executing a bond pursuant to the Statute, for the support of the child of which Robert Miller is the reputed father, and giving his obligation for the costs of the suit against him.

Which is respectfully submitted

March. 14th. 1808 S. Cowdrey.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

†The Comptroller has the honor to report on the Petition of Garrit Walgrove, John Dennison and George Walgrove, weighers of Hay, the following statement.

On the 1st of January 1806. the [237] Petitioners agreed to rent of the Corporation the several stands for weighing hay which they now occupy: vizt Garrit Walgrove the one at Whitehall Slip for $300.

John Dennison, at George' Slip on the East river or some other convenient place for $250. and

George Walgrove near the new Market at the foot of Duane Street for $250 per an. payable quarterly.

There was due 1 Year's rent from each on the 1st January last.

From a statement exhibited by Garrit Walgrove it appears, that in the year 1806. the amount received by him for weighing was $895 and in 1807. $952.

George Walgroves return for 1806 is $904.25 and for 1807. $925.50.

Mr Dennison has not yet made a report altho' requested some time since.

From the above statement of facts, which are all that have come to his knowledge in this business, he finds a difficulty in ascertaining

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 215.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 161. & further Report P. 265.*—ED.

whether or not the present ground rent is at an equitable rate. As the contract was but for one year, perhaps it would have been proper for the petitioners to have applied for an alteration in the price at the end of the term, if they considered themselves aggrieved, [238] and not to have delayed an application for reduction of rent until upwards of two years have elasped. Whether the Corporation will think it just to make any abatement for the year past, or reduce the price for the future, is submitted to their wisdom and discretion.

The Comptroller would take the liberty of suggesting, whether a lease for a term of years might not be given the present occupants, at a price to be fixed on by a Committee of the Board, to be appointed for that purpose.

March. 14th. Respectfully submitted by
1808 G. N. Bleecker. Compr

Ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Comptroller reported the sum of $243.43. in the Treasury.

*The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent, that from the numerous subdivisions of property, the rapid improvements by buildings and the encreased value of Lots of ground in this city: it has become necessary for the promotion of justice, that the surveys should be made with more precision than they heretofore have been done: and many surveys which were [239] supposed to be correct, are found upon more strict examination to be so inaccurate as to render it difficult for the Surveyors to ascertain the true position of the lots or the streets by which they are bounded. And the aforesaid difficulties have been greatly increased by the practice of individual proprietors dividing their land and selling it in lots by a Map exhibiting their particular dimensions and binding them by Streets therein designated, without causing sufficient surveys to be made, or land marks to be placed upon the premises to determine the position of such streets.

The Street Commissioner further represents, that for the want of such sufficient evidence of the place of departure, the original direction of the Streets, or the true dimensions of the blocks or squares, the Surveyors have been led into repeated errors, and perhaps with the best intentions, have directed buildings to be placed upon the Streets, which the Corporation have been frequently obliged to remove at a considerable expense, and are continually liable to impositions

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 410.*—ED.

of this nature, without possessing adequate powers to correct this growing evil. It therefore seems to be necessary, in order that the Corporation may escape these expenses in future, which may become very burthensome, as well as to secure the citizens in the peaceable enjoyment of their property, that application be made to the Legislature to grant them adequate power in the premises, or otherwise to place the subject matter of this communication upon a [240] more secure, certain and permanent footing by appointing some special persons with power for that purpose.

The Street Commissioner has given the subject a thorough investigation, and is persuaded, that it will be best for the Corporation to make an immediate application for such ample powers as the case requires, and that if it is delayed longer, considerable difficulties will be added before the meeting of the next legislature.

With respect to the Bill itself, the Street Commissioner has found great difficulties and as it requires considerable knowledge of the existing rights of individuals, it ought to be drafted in such manner as not to oppress them while it gave the necessary power to the Corporation to effect the permanent surveys, and to do justice to interested proprietors.

Under these impressions the Street Commissioner recommends, that the Counsel and Attorney of the Board be directed to draft the copy of a Bill to be laid before the Legislature for this purpose, and present such draft to this Board on Monday next: and the Street Commissioner suggests the propriety of instructing them to introduce in the said Bill, a clause directing the Justices of the Supreme Court to appoint three persons, one of whom ought to be a [241] Surveyor, to adjudge and finally determine upon the lines and monuments of any block or square laid out by direction of the Common Council, by virtue of the said Bill, in case a majority of the proprietors of the said property should object to the mensuration.

Similar authority has been given by the Legislature to "the Justices to nominate disinterested persons" in the Law lately appointing "Commissioners of Streets and Roads." A clause to that effect would relieve the Corporation from the censure of an erroneous survey, and clear them from the most remote idea of partiallity.

All which is respectfully submitted

March. 14th. John S. Hunn.

1808.

Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Mott Mesier Hopkins Messrs Ludlam Bloodgood Torbert and Ward.

The Street Commissioner represented that the contracts for delivering earth at the Collect are nearly completed, and that he has not entered into any new engagements since the 5th inst. as it appears necessary to stop the carmen until a considerable portion of the mud is removed. That accounts for work, during the last week, to the amount of $400 have been presented, for the payment of [242] which provision has not been made. He requested that a warrant be directed to be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham for that purpose.

Warrant N° 843 Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esqr for $400. to discharge the same.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting various nuisances from N° 4132 to N° 4161. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell, reported the draft of a Law

†For appointing Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell, and vesting them with sufficient powers for the better governing and regulating those institutions.

Which was read and passed.

Ordered that the Clerk furnish the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell with a copy of said Law.

‡Resolved that the Road Committee direct the Road masters to commence repairing the roads immediately.

Ordered that the Act to amend the Act for the better government of this City." relating to the reservation of the water between the East side of [243] Coenties Slip and the west side of Whitehall Slip for the sole accommodation of Sloops and other market vessels, from the 20th of March to the 20th of December annually," be published in the papers employed by this Board.

Ordered that the Law "to prevent improper conduct on certain days," be also published in the same papers.

On a representation by the Recorder that the inhabitants in the suburbs of the city were greatly annoyed on Sundays by idle and dissolute persons playing ball &c:

Ordered that the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards be empowered to employ Constables and Marshals to enforce the Law for the due observance of the Lords day called Sunday.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 210.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Vide Laws P. 32.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 249.*—ED.

Col Hatch of Boston waited on the Board with a Model of a Floating Battery, which was referred to the Committee of Defence.

The following person was appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying a correspondent vacancy.

N° 30.

Cornelius N. Benscouter, Ropemaker, Orchard Street vice. Charles Smith resigned

Ordered that the Recorder issue his warrants to pay.

N° 833	[244] Matthew Banks, repairs to Pumps	.....	$47.38
834	John A. Crolius, Inspector of Bread, Salary	.....	90.15
835	Edward Watkeys for Candles	.....	23. 4
836	James Wood, Ironmongery for City Hall	.....	10.18
837	George Davidson, repairing a Boat	.....	8.50
838	Cannell Brenan, Labour at Chapel Street drain	.....	12.
839	Anthony Dehart, carting from Bridewell yard	.....	25.
841	Jacob P. Roome, Supt repairs, Salary	.....	156.
840	William P. Roome & James Smith, labour for Supt repairs at Bridewell yard	.....	28.43
842	John Bingham, on acct Comme ways & means	.....	1000.
843	d° for Collect	.....	400.

[245] In Common Council. March 21st 1808

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder

Jacob Mott	Messrs	Simon Van Antwerp	Assistants.
Abraham King		Abraham Bloodgood	
James Drake		Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood	Esquires	Jasper Ward	
John Bingham	Aldermen	John W. Mulligan	
Peter Mesier		Samuel Torbert	
John D. Miller		John Slidell	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Stephen Ludlam.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Recorder informed the Board that he had written to the Secretary at war on the subject of obtaining employment for an additional number of Labourers at Governor's island, to which he had received the following answer

War Department
March. 14. 1808

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst. on the subject [246] of employing the laborers belonging to the Port of New York has been received. Col.

Williams who has been detained here longer than was expected, will set out immediately for that place, and will undoubtedly find employment for many of the persons alluded to in your letter. I shall give directions to employ as great a number of labourers as can be conveniently employed to advantage at the different works in and about your city and harbor.

And am very respectfully

Sir Your obd Servt

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr H. Dearborn

Reports from the Police Office

That Capt Darling had suspended Ezekiel Boardman, for sleeping on his post, and that

Capt Snow had suspended Daniel Fargo for neglect of duty and intoxication while on duty, were referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Charles Gillespie, requesting the privilege of leasing a small vacant lot, the property of this Corporation, about 15 feet front, situate on the Northeast side of Catherine lane and the corner of Elm Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward and the Comptroller.

A Petition of William White for the [247] Stand No 10. Hudson Market, now occupied by his brother Francis White, which he is willing to relinquish in his favour, was granted.

A Petition of James Ownes occupant of stand No 8. Duane Market and of Thomas A. Gillman occupant of No 35. Hudson Market to be permitted to interchange said stands was granted.

*A Memorial of the African Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, praying a grant of that portion of Potters field which has been assigned to them for a burial place, or to be exonerated from an Assessment for regulating a Street adjoining said ground, understood to be called First Street, amounting to about Twenty eight Dollars.

Whereupon Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of the Collector for the amount of said Assessment.

A Petition of Nicholas G. Carmer to be appointed Weighmaster, was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

A further Memorial of Thomas Duggan setting forth his embarrassed and distressed situation and earnestly intreating that a speedy decision may be made respecting his claim for damages for opening

* Marginal note reads *See P. 275.*—ED.

Canal Street was referred to the Committee on his former Petitions, of which Alderman Miller is chairman

[248] The following Report was presented.

The Committee of ways and means

Report

Rations

That the following is the statement of the rations issued at the Alms House, Viz[t]

Tuesday, March 15th	5307		
Friday " 19th	4442		
Total	9.749	@ 9 cts	$877.41
There has been administered towards the relief of distressed families during the same period, in cash			108.50
Making an expenditure in the course of the week, amounting to....			$985.91

The Committee request that a warrant may be issued in favour of their Treasurer for $1000. On Account of their expenses.

John Bingham. Ch. man
Jas Drake
Jacob Mott
John Slidell
John W. Mulligan

March. 21st 1808.

Warr[t] N° 858. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esq[r] for $1000.

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee on the Memorial [249] requesting the Corporation to obtain from the Legislature a right to continue Bridge Street to State Street, beg leave to

Report

That in their opinion this arrangement will considerably improve the southern district of the city by adding to its beauty, convenience and health, and that as the Legislature are now about making a cession to the United States of the ground through which this Street must pass, a proper season presents to make the application.

Your Committee are however of opinion that no considerations ought to interfere with the views or plans of the United States, and that the application for a reservation sufficient for this object should be made on condition only that a Sufficiency of ground will still re-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 229. 269.*—ED.

main for the United States and that it will not interfere with the design or plan of the Chief Engineer.

All which is submitted.

Peter Mesier
Jasper Ward
Samuel Torbert.
John Slidell.

March. 21st 1808.

Ordered that the same be referred to the *Counsel and Attorney of the Board, with directions to report a draft of a Memorial and Bill to the Legislature, in conformity, at the next meeting.

†The Road Committee reported, that agreeably to the resolution of the Board to cause [250] the public roads to be immediately repaired, that they had examined them and had given orders for finishing the ends of the Stone Bridges on the Manhattan Avenue near the powder House and Mr Posts; as also to reduce Inclenberg Hill on the Boston road forthwith.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the ‡petition of Henry Brevoort, David Mann Henry Spingler, Joseph Mott and Mary Brady together with Doctor Ardens letter to the Corporation on the subject of the Assessment on Broadway between Art Street and the Bowery, respectfully

Report.

That after mature consideration of all the circumstances of the case, it evidently appears to them that a misunderstanding at the commencement of the business of opening Broadway has occurred between the petitioners and the Street Commissioner; and that should a new assessment take place, very great perplexity and difficulty as well as expense would attend the measure. And considering that the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour, a benevolent institution engaged with the Corporation in ameliorating the distresses of the poor, have made similar objection with the above mentioned petitioners, and upon at least as good grounds as any of them, there [251] is no reason why they should not be placed upon as favourable a footing as any of the proprietors that have consented to cede the Street.

The Committee therefore recommend in conformity with the opinion of the Committee before appointed, to investigate the same subject, that as no deed of cession is yet obtained from Doctor Arden or

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 269.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 242.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 160 187.*—ED.

the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour, or from some of the Heirs or children of Mrs Brady, That the Street Commissioner be directed to receive the said deeds, and that he or they upon executing the said Deeds, together with the above mentioned petitioners, be exempted from the expenses of the aforesaid Assessment.

March. 21st 1808.

Samuel Torbert
John Slidell.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Communication of the Street Commissioner relative to the cession of ground for Canal Street proposed to be made by the Corporation of Trinity Church

Report

That viewing all the circumstances connected with the subject and finding from the experience of Amity Street and other Streets that the whole value of a Street assessed upon the adjacent property becomes oppressive, [252] they believe it would be most conducive, to the furtherance of the object, to accept of the cession proposed by the Corporation of Trinity Church, upon the terms they mention as stated in the communication of the Street Commissioner; and they recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to procure the deeds of cession accordingly.

Which is submitted

March. 21st 1808.

Jno D. Miller
Thos J. Campbell
Abm Bloodgood
Stepn Ludlam.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following communication was presented by the Attorney.

†The undersigned has the honor to inform the Corporation that Stephen Colver's suit against them is noticed for trial at the next circuit court of the United States, which commences on the 1st day of April next.

‡The Common Council sometime since directed that Messrs Colden and Baldwin should be retained as Assistant Counsel, the cause being of such importance as, in the opinion of Mr Harrison then Counsel of the Board, to require their aid. Should the Board think proper to sanction this arrangement, the undersigned will wait on them and

* Marginal note reads *See P. 195.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 265.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 194.*—ED.

also on the present Counsel and take the necessary measures for defending the suit. Neither [253] of these Gentlemen have as yet received a retaining fee.

Which is submitted.

March. 21st 1808. S. Cowdrey.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Mott and the Attorney.

The Comptroller presented the following Report

The Comptroller has the honor to

Report

on the several petitions of John Moore presented the 25th May 22d June and 10th August last, respecting the ground he occupies adjoining the Arsenal and which he holds under John McLean Commissary of Military Stores.*

That from all the circumstances which have come to his knowledge on this business it appears that the Corporation assigned to the State for the purpose of erecting an Arsenal the ground which is now covered by that Building. It does not appear that any grant was made of this property to the State, and from the representation of a Gentleman† who was one of a Committee in behalf of the Corporation for the purpose of erecting the Arsenal, the yard adjoining was fenced in and was considered as belonging to the Corporation.

Mr Moore has paid several sums of money to Mr McLean for rent of the premises [254] he now occupies, and wishes to know whether he is to pay the residue that is owing to him or the Corporation. There are several circumstances connected with this business which the Comptroller respectfully suggests might be proper for the decision of a Committee of this Honorable Board, and as Mr Moore is very solicitous to have the controversy between himself and Mr McLean settled, a reference of the papers appertaining to the subject.

respectfully submitted.

March. 21st 1808. G. N. Bleecker.

Compt^r

Ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for filling up and regulating ‡Provost Street from the easterly line of the House belonging to John Charters situate on the North side of said Street,

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 441. Vol. 17. P. 26. 126. See Report P. 376.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads *Gabriel Furman See Vol. 14. P. 482. 3.*—ED.

‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 88. 484.*—ED.

to the west side of Chapel Street, which was passed, and Lewis Ford Joseph Board Arthur Smith John Sharp and Joseph Watkins were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner represented that two weeks wages were due to the Carmen and Labourers employed at the Collect, for the payment [255] of which provision is necessary.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 859. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esq^{r} for $500 to discharge the same.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances, for the purpose of correcting various nuisances, from N^{o} 4162 to N^{o} 4189. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

M^{r} Mulligan presented the following draft of a Memorial to the Legislature which was unanimously approved.

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened.

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully sheweth.

That the Act of the Legislature of this State to restrain Insurance of Lottery Tickets, passed the 7th day of April 1807. has had a very favourable tendency towards diminishing the evils which it was intended to remedy.

That notwithstanding the views of the Legislature in passing that act, Your Memorialists have reason to believe its provisions are evaded [256] by various artful pretences, so as still to subject the operation of the prejudicial consequences arising from the Insurance of Lottery Tickets.

That Your Memorialists are persuaded, that the permission of such insurance, in any way, will be productive of very pernicious and demoralizing effects, and cannot be attended with any good consequences commensurate with the evils it may occasion.

That Your Memorialists having received information, that a Bill is pending before Your Honorable Body, for the partial repeal of the said Act, for the purpose of establishing and licencing in this city, Offices for the Insurance of Lottery Tickets, consider it a solemn duty, the performance of which they owe to the community they represent, most respectfully to memorialize Your Honorable Body on this subject, and to request that no bill may be passed by which the insurance of Lottery Tickets shall receive the sanction of Law.

Ordered that the same be engrossed with the usual formalities, and forwarded to the Legislature.

Mr Ward offered the following resolution

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to investigate the propriety of sinking two Piers, One at the foot of Stanton Street and [257] the other at the end of Rivington Street, for the purpose of forming a public basin, and that they report at the next meeting of this Board.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

Alderman Wood offered the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Office of the Clerk of the Alms House be vacated, and that the Board go into the appointment of a Clerk of the Alms House whose duty it shall be, to be Clerk to the Commissioners also.

Whereupon the Board proceeded to choose a Clerk, when on counting the Ballots Josiah Shippey Junr was duly elected.

The following resolution was presented and passed.

Resolved that a Steward be appointed for the Alms [House].

Whereupon the Board proceeded to the choice of a Steward, when on counting the ballots Andrew J. McLaughlin was duly elected.

Warrt Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H.
No 860. Sickles, on acct of the Building Committee, for $1500.
No 861. And in favour of Barthw Skaats for Fuel for $50

[258] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 24.

Edward Tapp, Carver, vice Samuel Gidney resd

No 26.

Michael M. Titus, Lumber Mercht 121. Lombard St v. John Sherred. resd

Ordered that the Recorder issue his warrants to pay.

No 844	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$276.36
845	" William Van Wart do	.....	276.36
846	" William Peterson do	.....	256.76
847	" James Snow do	.....	256.76
848	" Thomas Darling do	.....	266.56
849	" Isaac Anderson do	.....	266.56
850	John McLean, for preparing ammunition	.....	25.92
851	Simon Van Antwerp, for ironmongery	.....	100.89
852	Thomas Smyth, Blacksmiths work	.....	85.75
853	James Warner, repairs to Wells & pumps	.....	54.
854	James L. Jacocks, for pump, corner of Spring & Varick	.....	23.
855	John Randolph do do Spring & Hudson	....	22.

N° 856	John Sharp, timber for Supt of repairs.....	$263.44
857	Thomas Hazard, Salary for self & Turnkeys.....	437.50
858	John Bingham, on acct Commee of ways & means.....	1000.
859	do to pay for earth for Collect.....	500.
860	John H. Sickles, on acct Building Committee.....	1500.
861	Barthw Skaats, to purchase fuel.....	50.

[259] In Common Council, March 28th. 1808.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire, Recorder.

		Messrs Jasper Ward	
Jacob Mott		Stephen Ludlam	
James Drake		Samuel Torbert	
John Bingham	Esquires	Samuel Kip	
Abraham King	Aldermen.	Simon Van Antwerp	Assistants
Thurston Wood		Abraham Bloodgood	
Peter Mesier		John Slidell	
Samuel M. Hopkins		John W. Mulligan	
		Thomas J. Campbell	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports from the Police Office that Capt Darling had suspended Abraham Ackerman, for sleeping on his post that James Bundy Robert Sickles and Nathaniel Hazard Watchmen in his Company had resigned and recommending that [260] Benjamin C. Curtis Ezekiel Boardman and John Estler Substitutes be appointed in their place.

That Captain Anderson had suspended John Warner, for sleeping on his post and Garrit Benson, for intoxication while on duty, were severally referred to the Watch Committee.

The Clerk presented a Bond executed agreeably to Charter by Benjamin Ferris Esqr appointed by His Excellency the Governor and the Council of Appointment Sheriff of this City and County with two Sureties in the penalty of $2500 for the faithful execution of his said Office, which was approved and ordered to be filed with the Comptroller.

A Petition of the Butchers in Duane Market representing its exposed situation to the influence of Northeasterly Storms and the morning sun, and requesting that a light shed may be constructed in front thereof to protect the ceiling and floor from damage and to screen the Stalls from the effects of the weather, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Thomas B. Clarke for a water grant in front of his property at Greenwich [261] was referred to the Comptroller.

Applications of Peter Conrey Jonathan Cowdrey John Garrison Seth R. Kneeland Matthias Knack Thomas Timpson Benjamin North Ebenezer Burling William Fraser and Andrew Anderson reinstated in their former Offices as Inspectors of Lumber by the Council of Appointment and requesting to be appointed exclusively Measurers of Lumber by the Corporation, were granted.

A Petition of Andrew Ross, praying compensation for damages alleged to be sustained by him by the regulation of Broadway between Spring Street and the Stone Bridge, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward.

Petition signed by a large and respectable number of subscribers, inhabitants of the First Ward, against carrying into effect the Act empowering the Corporation to reserve the water between Coenties Slip and Whitehall Slip for the sole accommodation of Sloops and other market vessels using the trade of this city, from the 20th of March until the 20th of December annually, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Slips and piers, with in- [262] structions to report at the next meeting.

A Petition of John Peterson to be appointed keeper of the Flagstaff offering an annual rent of $200. for the privilege, was referred to the Finance Committee.

*A Petition of Divie Bethune Attorney of P. Grant and other heirs of James Grant, praying a reconsideration of the resolution of this Board permitting him to withdraw his former †petition on the ground of defect of evidence to prove the heirship of the parties, which defect, he sets forth, he is able to supply by abundant testimony was referred to the Counsel and Attorney.

An application of John H. Sickles in behalf of the Managers of the Lottery for liberty to draw the same in the large Court room in the City Hall, and to be allowed to erect a closet under the Gallery for the security of the Wheels, was granted.

An application of the Trustees of the Orphan Assylum Society requesting the Board to ‡order a man with a horse and cart and the grant of some manure, for the cultivation of the kitchen garden on their premises, was referred to the Alderman of the 8th Ward, with power to grant.

[263] A Memorial of Joshua Barker surety for Simon Ackerman, as Collector of the Assessments for Burling Slip and Ridge Street,

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 286.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 235.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Warrant No 984. P. 404.*—ED.

setting forth that said Ackerman is insolvent and delinquent on said Assessments, and requesting a reasonable indulgence to enable him to settle and liquidate the accounts, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

*A Memorial of Robert Shaw, requesting some assistance towards the maintenance of a bastard Child of Robert Miller, which he at present supports, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of ways and means Report.

Seamen.

That from Cap^{t} Chaunceys last return it appears that

53 Seamen have been admitted at the Navy Yard. of whom
39 " have been discharged at their own request, and
—
14 " remain.

Rations

That the following is the statement [264] of the Rations issued at the Alms House, viz^{t}

Tuesday, March 22^{d}	3842		
Friday " 25th	3955		
Total	7.797.	@ 9 C^{ts}	$701.73
There has been administered towards the relief of distressed families during the same period, in Cash			108.50
Making an expenditure in the course of the week amounting to			$810.23

The Committee apply for a further warrant in favour of their Treasurer for $1000. on account of their expenses.

John Bingham.
Ja^{s} Drake
Jacob Mott
John Slidell
John W. Mulligan

March. 28th 1808.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 865. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esq^{r} for $1000.

The Committee to whom was referred the †Petition of John Fell reported that on investigation it appeared that the Inspector was justified in seizing the Flour in question; and that on principles of strict justice the Petitioner has no claim for a return of that portion of the Flour, one half, which comes to the Corporation. The [265] Com-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 356.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 216.*—ED.

mittee submitted to the consideration of the Board the propriety of granting the prayer of the Petitioner.

Ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The following Report was presented

The Committee to whom was referred the *Communication of the Attorney respecting the suit of Stephen Colver

Report

That in their opinion it will be proper to retain Mess[rs] Colden and Baldwin, in which arrangement the Counsel of the Board concurs: And that the sum of Fifty Dollars ought to be advanced to each of those Gentlemen as a retaining fee.

Which is submitted.

March 28[th] 1808

Jacob Mott
S. Cowdrey.

Warrants

N° 866 Ordered that warrants be issued in favour of Cadwallader
867 D. Colden and Charles Baldwin Esq[rs] for $50. each.

The following Report was presented:

The Committee to whom was referred the †report of the Comptroller on the Petition of Garrit Walgrove, John Dennison and George Walgrove, weighers of Hay,

[266] Report

That the Petitioners be charged Two hundred Dollars each per annum from the 1[st] of January 1807 to the 1[st] of January 1809 and that the Comptroller be directed to make the charge accordingly.

Abraham King
March. 28[th] 1808. Ja[s] Drake
Ab[m] Bloodgood.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented

The Committee to whom was referred the ‡Petition of sundry inhabitants of the First and Third Wards respecting the improvement and extending the Albany Basin

Report

That they have examined the accommodations at the Albany Basin for vessels employed in that trade and they find at low water the head of the said Basin is bare and that by extending the piers on each side

* Marginal note reads *See P. 252.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 236.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 227.*—ED.

to the permanent line would be a very great improvement and sufficient to accommodate nearly all the vessels in that trade.

Your Committee therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that whenever the owners will carry out the piers on each side at [267] their own expense, the Corporation will then sink the return blocks to make the L. reserving the whole of the wharfage at the out end of the Piers.

Abraham King
Jas Drake
Jacob Mott

March. 28th 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented

The Committee to whom was referred the *Communication enclosing a circular letter issued by Tammany Society respecting the interment of the relics of American Seamen, Soldiers and Citizens who perished on board the Jersey Prison Ship at the Wallabout, during the revolutionary War,

Report

That they have taken the subject of that communication into consideration and while it brings to their recollection an event which must awaken the sensibility of every American citizen, still it seems to have been reserved for the Tammany Society alone to have rescued from oblivion and place on an imperishable basis the memory of a large portion of our unfortunate but much lamented fellow citizens who perished defending the precious rights of our liberty and Independence.

Your Committee are therefore of an opinion that the interment of the bones of [268] our unfortunate countrymen in the manner as proposed will be the means of transmitting to posterity an event which will be deeply engraved on the hearts of every American.

Feeling on an occasion of this nature the importance of the communication do highly approve of the laudable and patriotic measures adopted by Tammany Society, and do recommend that we give to an undertaking of this nature every encouragement that may be consistent with the duties of the Common Council.

Your Committee therefore further recommend that the following resolutions may be adopted, vizt

Resolved that the Common Council do highly approve of the patriotic measures taken by the Tammany Society or Columbian Order for interring the remains of the American Seamen, soldiers and Citi-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 214.*—ED.

zens who perished on board the Jersey Prison Ship during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, and that we will cheerfully cooperate with the said Society by all proper means in carrying the same into effect.

Resolved that be and they are hereby appointed a *Committee on the part of the Common Council for the purpose of conferring with the Tammany Society and forming general arrangements on the subject [269] mentioned in the foregoing resolution.

March 28th 1808.

Abraham King
Abm Bloodgood.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that Alderman King Miller and Mr Bloodgood be appointed a Committee accordingly.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the †application of Benjamin Waldron for permission to blast the rock in the road at the 3 Mile Stone reported that it would be inexpedient to grant the privilege.

Ordered that the Petitioner be permitted to withdraw his petition.

The following Report was presented.

‡The undersigned Counsel and Attorney of the Board to whom was referred a resolution, directing the draft of a Memorial to the Legislature for a grant of ground through which to open a continuation of Bridge Street, to be prepared, and also the draft of a Bill for that purpose, have the honor to Report the inclosed for the consideration of the Common Council.

March 28th 1808.

Ja. Woods.
S. Cowdrey.

[270] To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened

Most respectfully sheweth

That they have received a petition from a large number of the most respectable Freeholders and Inhabitants residing in the neighborhood of the Government house in the said City of New York, praying that measures might be taken for opening a continuation of Bridge Street, through the ground adjacent to the said Government House to the Battery. That Your Memorialists are deeply impressed with the

* Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 381. 395.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 228.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 249. 347.*—ED.

importance of such a measure, and are satisfied that it would conduce essentially to the health, convenience and general interests of that part of the city.

Your Memorialists do therefore respectfully solicit the attention of the Legislature to this subject. Your Memorialists have also understood that a Bill is or has been before Your Honorable body, the object of which is to cede to the United States, for public purposes, the ground before mentioned. Your Memorialists beg leave to express it as their opinion, that the grant they solicit may be made, without prejudice to the interests of the United States, as Bridge Street is narrow, and there is a sufficiency of ground, in the estimation of [271] Your Memorialists, for both purposes. Your Memorialists wish however to be understood, as having no desire to interfere with any plans that may be adopted for the benefit of the United States, being satisfied that they are entitled to the first and highest consideration. Should it be found on investigation that Your Honorable Body can, in the grant to the United States, make a sufficient reservation for the opening of Bridge Street, Your Memorialists entertain a confidence that the present application will receive the favourable notice of Your Honorable Body.

Draft of a Bill to cede to the Corporation of the City of New York, a quantity of ground for the opening a continuation of Bridge Street.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, that so much of the public ground adjacent to the Government House in the City of New York, as shall be necessary to open and extend Bridge Street in continuation from its present limits to the Battery, be and the same is hereby granted to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for that purpose. Provided nevertheless that the opening and extending the said Street shall not interfere with the plans [272] or arrangements of the United States for defensive preparation:

Which, being severally read, were approved, ordered to be engrossed with the usual formalities and to be forwarded to the Legislature.

The Comptroller presented the following Report

The Comptroller has the honor. to

Report

That the Contract with William Johnson for the rent of the public docks and Slips will expire on the 1st day of May next and respect-

fully submits to the Board the expediency of taking some order on this business.

G. N. Bleecker.

28th March 1808. Comptr

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

The Comptroller represented that it would be adviseable to contract for the renting of the Wehawk, Fort Lee and Bull's ferries, which at present are unproductive to the Corporation.

Ordered that the Comptroller advertise for proposals for renting such of the public Ferries, the lease of which expire this Spring, and all other Ferries for which leases have not been granted by this Board.

[273] The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board that the walks in every part of the city have become so much broken, and in many places so dangerous to passengers, that very repeated applications are made to him to cause them to be repaired which he is unable to do, but in a very limited manner, as he has no person under him at present to perform that duty. Mr Hardie, however, has delivered notices in several streets, but his other more important avocations render it impossible for him to give the subject so much of his time as the exigencies require.

The Street Commissioner is of opinion that the whole and entire time of a person of activity and attention ought to be dedicated to this work for at least three or four of the ensuing months, otherwise the remote parts of the city will not be notified in due time to enable the workmen to complete it before half the summer has expired; and he therefore suggests the propriety of appointing a person of sufficient capacity and activity, to whom this duty may be assigned.

The Street Commissioner further represents that he has no predilection in favour of any particular person, and as he deems it [274] unadviseable to recommend, he hopes the Board will not consider him responsible for the performances of the duties of a third person in the election of whom he has no choice. But he thinks it his duty to premise that the person so to be appointed in order to render himself useful, ought at least to possess the ability to measure the pavement or work required, to calculate the contents in square yards or feet, to make out the expense, to make judicious agreements with the pavers to prevent their imposing upon the citizens and to judge of the sufficiency of the work when done.

The Street Commissioner further submits to the Board, whether it is not expedient to appoint another person to attend to the removal of incumbrances which have become very incommoding to the citizens.

All which is respectfully submitted.

March. 28th 1808 John S. Hunn.

Ordered That Messrs Moran & Otterson at present employed by the City Inspector be attached to the Street Commissioner's department to execute the duties mentioned in the preceding communication.

The Street Commissioner reported an Assessment for regulating *Orange Street from Hester Street to the present pavement near [275] Cross Street which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner represented that the wages accruing to persons employed at the Collect and unprovided for amounted to above $300. and that the Contractors have brought in Tickets to the amount of $300. more. He therefore recommended that a warrant be issued on account of the same for $500.

Warrt N° 868. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esqr to discharge the same for $500.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from N° 4190. to N° 4219. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Clerk presented the following communication.

The Clerk has the honour to represent, that at the last meeting of the Common Council, on hearing the †Petition of the Trustees of the African Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, a warrant was ordered in favour of the Collector for $28. to exonerate said Society from an Assessment for the regulation of First Street.

On investigation it appears that the Lot occupied as a burial ground, on which [276] said Assessment is levied, belongs to some other African Society, and Mr Dustan the Collector informs the Clerk that means are provided to discharge the same.

As some mistake therefore has arisen in respect to the merits of the petition, it may be proper perhaps for the Board to rescind their order, and to permit the petitioners to withdraw their petition.

Which is respectfully submitted

March. 28th 1808. John Pintard.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 44.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 247.*—Ed.

Alderman King submitted the following resolution.

Resolved that so much of the Ordinance of the Common Council that was passed on the 29th day of June last, *directing a good and substantial pier to be sunk at the South side of Partition Street, be carried into immediate effect.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on wharves, slips and piers.

Resolved that the Road Committee be empowered to permit Benjamin Waldron to blast such rocks in the public roads which obstruct the same, for his private benefit and without any expense to this Board, as in their judgment may be for the improvement of said roads.

[277] On application of William Mooney Superintendant of the Alms House:

Warrt Nº 869. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour on account of the expenses of his department for $2000.

Warrt Nº 890. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles, on account of the Building Committee, for $2400. after the next meeting of this Board.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Nº 11

John Swan, Shoemaker, 22. Nassau St v. Ely C. Frost resd
William Haight. dº dº v. Tunis Quick, appd Firewarden

Nº 28

George Fash, Butcher, vice Andrew Simmons, resigned.

Ordered that the Recorder issue his warrants to pay

Nº 862	Matthew Dikeman, repairs to Pumps	.....	$97.87
863	Adolphus Loss City Surveyor, for surveying	.....	97.
864	Abraham P. Bogert, for lost Firebucket	.....	2.
865	John Bingham, Commte of ways & means	.....	1000.
866	Cadwallader D. Colden, Counsel fee in suit of Colver	.....	50.
867	Charles Baldwin dº dº	.....	50.
868	John Bingham, on account of Collect	.....	500.
869	William Mooney, Supt of Alms House	.....	2000.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 47.*—ED.

[278] In Common Council. April 4th 1808.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder

Jacob Mott	Messrs Esquires Aldermen	Simon Van Antwerp	Assistants.
John Bingham		Samuel Bloodgood	
Thurston Wood		Jasper Ward	
Abraham King		Samuel Kip	
Peter Mesier		John Slidell	
Nicholas Fish		Stephen Ludlam	
John D. Miller		Thomas J. Campbell	
Samuel M. Hopkins.		John W. Mulligan	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Recorder laid before the Board the following letter from the Mayor.

Albany 25th March. 1808

Sir

I send you by Mr Fairlie for the information of the Common Council, three [279] Newspapers printed by the State printers which contain most of the Acts, passed this session, that apply immediately to the City of New York These acts being published officially are sufficiently authenticated for every purpose that may be wanted by the Common Council.

The Common Council will observe that no notice has been taken in the Act for the erection of a new Arsenal of the intended appropriation of the present one for the use of the Free School. This was considered as an arrangement proper to be made by the Common Council and the Trustees of that establishment without the interference of the Legislature: but it has been fully understood that the design of the Corporation as expressed in their memorial will be fully carried into effect. The Free School is undoubtedly one of the most useful institutions we have, and I have no doubt will receive additional patronage from the Corporation. To prevent any future misunderstanding I would recommend that the agreement between the Common Council and the Trustees of the Free School be reduced to writing and signed.

The Street Commissioner has informed me that there is some inaccuracy in the description of the boundaries of the 7th Ward His suggestion came too late, but if it is deemed [280] of primary importance to rectify the error, if any, and the Common Council will signify their wishes to that effect, I will endeavour to do it.

The Act authorizing the cession of soil and jurisdiction to the Ud States for the purpose of fortifications is among those transmitted.

The Commissioners constituted by that act will meet in New York shortly after the rising of the Legislature. Additional appropriations will, in all probability, be made for the purchase of Artillery, Arms and Ammunition.

A Bill has passed the Senate appropriating $100.000 to aid in and expedite the defence of the city and port of New York. If this bill passes the Assembly, which I confidently hope it will, I shall send a copy to the Common Council The Governor assured me yesterday that he will immediately proceed to the execution of the powers committed to him by this Bill if, [it] should pass into a Law.

The Bill respecting the poor laws has passed the Senate, it is now before the Assembly. The bill indicated by the Common Council respecting the collection of taxes is now under consideration. It does not strike me in a favorable point of view. If the time of sale is extended, perhaps, I may give it my support.

The Memorial against the Insurance Lottery Offices will be presented to the [281] Assembly this morning.

I am with every sentiment of respect for the Gentlemen of the Common Council,

Your most obed^{t} serv^{t}

P. C. Van Wyck. Esq^{r} Dewitt Clinton.

Ordered that the Laws referred to in the preceding letter be published in the newspapers employed by this Board.

A Report from the Police Office that Cap^{t} Darling had suspended David Halsted, for sleeping on his post, and that

Cap^{t} Van Wart had suspended John Devine for the like offence, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of *Thomas Ross in confinement as security in a Bastardy recognizance for Robert Miller, setting forth his distressed and destitute situation, and praying to be released, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House with power to discharge him if they should judge proper.

A Petition of Benoit Vieusse praying that the Ordinance N^{o} 4219. directing him to cause the vault belonging to the house N^{o} 56 Pearl Street, to be filled with earth may be repealed, and that he may be allowed to empty the same, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the First Ward.

[282] Petitions of John Roshore to be appointed keeper of the Flagstaff, and of James Tompson offering $225. per annum for the privilege, were referred to the Finance Committee.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 435.*—ED.

A Petition from the Watchmen of this City, supported by the recommendation of a large number of citizens, praying for an augmentation of their wages, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of John Lovell occupant of stand N° 49. Flymarket to interchange with Philip Wicker occupant of Stand N° 22 in Catharine Market, was granted.

A Petition of William Mead and others complaining that the Superintendant of Streets did not admit their boats alongside the wharf to take their regular turns for loading manure, was referred to Aldermen Wood Mott and M^r Bloodgood.

A Petition of David Ackerman praying for a water grant in front of his property in Watts and Washington Street, and setting forth that a grant for the said water lot had been issued to him and Simon Ackerman jointly upon a *petition, said to have been signed by them, [283] but which was never signed by the Petitioner, was referred to the Comptroller and Aldermen Hopkins & Mesier.

A Petition of Giles Savage, Samuel Frothingham and Russel M^c-Kie, praying the restoration, as far as the Corporation is concerned, of Thirty Seven Barrels of Flour, seized for being shipped without being inspected, and setting forth that the same was done through ignorance and without intention to elude the Law, was, on the favourable representation of the Inspector of Flour, granted.

†A Petition of John L. Bowne representing the seizure of Fifty three Barrels of Southern Flour shipped contrary to Law, without fraudulent intention, was referred to Aldermen Mott Mesier and M^r Ward.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of ways and means

Report

That the following is the statement of rations issued at the Alms House, Viz^t

Tuesday March. 29th.....	3075	
Friday. April 1st.....	2962	
Total.....	6037. @ 9 c^ts	$543.33
[284] That there has been administered towards the relief of distressed families during the same period in cash.....		98. 9
Making an expenditure in the course of the week amounting to....		$641.42

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 410. Vol. 17. P. 369. 416.*—Ed.

† Marginal note reads *See P. 316.*—Ed.

The Committee further report, that as the season has arrived when the late objects of the public bounty may be able to procure support for themselves and families by their own industry, they have discontinued issuing any more rations from the Alms House. They have likewise directed Captain Chauncey to discharge the Seamen, admitted by their order, at the Navy Yard.

In consequence of these arrangements the Committee will have it in their power to close the accounts of their expenditures, and to report the total amount to the Board which shall be done with all possible despatch.

John Bingham
April. 4th 1808. Jacob Mott
John Slidell
John W. Mulligan.

The following report was presented

*The Committee appointed by the Corporation to examine the accounts and take charge of the Books of the late Superintendant [285] of the Alms House

Report

That having with the Comptroller carefully examined the accounts and vouchers with the entries in the Books of the Alms House, they find the same to be correct, and that Mr Furman, in order to facilitate the settlement of the accounts, so as finally to close the same, has assumed debts due to the Alms House of $608.50 in consequence of which it appears that a ballance then became due from him to the Corporation of $307.91. which the Committee herewith present to the Board in the late Superintendants check on the Manhattan Bank, signed in his official capacity. The Committee in a former report suggested that a probable ballance of $500. would be due him after a warrant then to be issued in his favour of $2500. but the circumstances of Mr Furmans assuming debts due the Alms House by individuals to the amount above mentioned, caused the ballance to be due from him instead of to him, and which your Committee thought proper to make known, in order that the present and former †report which they have had the honour to present to this Board should correspond with each other. As Mr Furmans accounts are now satisfactorily settled, and as the Corporation are possessed of his and his sureties Bond for

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 155.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 164.*—ED.

the faithful performance of the duties of [286] his Office, they recommend that the same be handed over to him.

Respectfully submitted
April. 4th. 1808 Jacob Mott
John Slidell

Ordered that the same be confirmed that the warrant be paid into the treasury and that the Bond be cancelled and returned to Mr Furman.

The following Report was presented.

Mr Divie Bethune of the City of New York merchant having preferred a *Petition to the Corporation praying for an order that the estate of James Grant late of the said city deceased may be delivered to him as the Attorney for the heirs of the said James Grant who reside in foreign parts and having produced powers of Attorney authorizing him to act in this behalf and having made oath that Peter Grant, Grizel Grant, Ann Grant and Margaret Grant the persons so constituting him their Attorney are the sole heirs of the said James Grant, all which I have examined, and am of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted upon the usual surety being given to refund, in case of other legal claimants appearing. I am also of opinion that it would be well to have the power of Attorney put upon record.

April 4th 1808. Ja. Woods.

I concur in the above
S. Cowdrey.

Warrt No 891. [287] Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Divie Bethune for $97.70. the Balle of the †intestate estate of James Grant deceased paid into the Treasury, and that the ‡power of Attorney be put on record at the expense of the said Divie Bethune.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

The Comptroller has the honor to
Report

That the following leases will expire on the 1st of May next.

William Snyder, Lot No 113 Chatham Street
Cort Went. " 112. do
George Janeway & John Watters Executors of Peter Buysher decd No 101 do
Cary Ludlow 11 & 12 do expired the 1st of May last.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 262.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 201.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 315.*—Ed.

Mr Ludlow applied to the Board for a renewal of his lease the 4th May.
*29th. April 1807. and the Committee reported the †14th. September following, fixing the price on the lots in Chatham Street on the South east side at the yearly rent of $250. generally, and on the Northwest side of said street from the Arsenal to Barley Street, at the yearly rent of $200.

A Question arises whether the Lease should commence from the 1st of May last at the above rent or from the 1st of May next.

[288] Mr Ludlow contends that as the Board did not fix the price till a length of time after the expiration of the old lease, he ought not to be charged therewith for the past year, and that he has rented out the lots under the old lease for less than the Sum now charged by the Board.

The Comptroller would respectfully solicit the decision of the Board on this business, as well as the mode of leasing the above-mentioned lots of ground which will expire at May next: whether by public or private contract, in case no proposals are made therefor by the middle of April. It would be proper also to authorize the Comptroller to have a survey of the property belonging to the Corporation in Chatham Street made in order to apportion the Lots which are now to be leased in such dimensions as the Board may direct.

Which is respectfully submitted.

April. 4th 1808. G. N. Bleecker, Compt^r

Ordered that the ‡Lease of Mr Ludlow be dated from the 1st day of May last agreeably to the terms reported by the Committee on the 14th September following: And that the Comptroller renew the leases which will expire on the 1st of May next in conformity with the principles of said report.

The Comptroller on the ||application of Jacob Morton, reported

[289] That on examining the deeds for the Inclenberg Lots, there appears to be

18. completed with Maps & endorsed.
2. do without Maps
6. with Maps not endorsed
10 wanting Maps & endorsements
28. On record, and
13. Blank parchments.

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* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 394.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 215.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 319 361.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 228.*—Ed.

Warrt Nº 889. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Morton, as compensation for his expenses for preparing the aforesaid deeds for $234.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication

The Street Commissioner covers the Assessment upon the Lots filled in by order of the Common Council in Hester and Rynder Streets, which according to the instructions in the State Law, must be advertised three weeks in two of the newspapers in this city.

The sums charged upon this assessment for filling the lots, are the amounts of actual contracts made, and the apportionment apparently just and proper. The Street Commissioner therefore solicits the Board to confirm the same and to permit the advertisements to be put in the papers agreeably to law.

Which is respectfully submitted.

April. 4th. 1808. John S. Hunn Stt Commr

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[290] *The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to state, that agreeably to the 3d 4th & 5th Sections of the Law "more effectually to regulate the paving and keeping in repair the several Streets in this city &c." he has divided the paved part of said city into Nine Sections and has appointed the following persons to perform the duties expressed in the said Law, for the ensuing season, Vizt

Thomas Scott, for the 1st & 2d Sections
John Meghan " 3d & 4th "
James Hogan " 5th "
Charles Mooney " 6th "
John McComb " 7th & 8th "
Richard Terney " 9th "

The Street Commissioner further states that by the 4th Section above mentioned the appointment so to be made must be approved by the Board: and as he is well acquainted with all the persons mentioned, he solicits the Board to confirm the said appointments, subject, however, to any change that may be deemed adviseable.

Which is respectfully submitted

April 4th 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Bingham Messrs Campbell & Ward.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 358.*—Ed.

[291] The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

*The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent that an Ordinance passed the Common Council on the 12th day of October last, for repaving, raising and improving Oak, Bancker and Chesnut Streets, but that the season was too far expended to perform the work, after it was determined in what particular manner it should be done.

The Street Commissioner now presents profiles of the said Streets, upon which he has drawn pencil lines, designating the kennels of each street, in the manner he recommends the improvement to be made; and which, in his opinion, will make the best improvement of the Street, with the least damage to the dwellings.

It is to be observed that the line drawn for the kennel on the profile of Bancker Street where it intersects Pearl Street, is below the present pavement of that Street. The descent of Bancker Street will be much lessened and made easy and agreeable if the kennel is so adjusted, and to do which it will be necessary to sink about 100 feet of pavement in Pearl Street where it is now extremely broken and, as much as any part of the city, requires to be repaved.

The Street Commissioner therefore seriously recommends that an Ordinance be passed to enable him to make such disposition [292] of this improvement as will redound to the pleasure of the projectors and to the credit of the Common Council. The draft of such Ordinance is herewith presented for their consideration and to be connected, if passed with the other Ordinance above mentioned.

All which is respectfully submitted

April. 4th. 1808. John S. Hunn.

†Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th. Ward.

The Street Commissioner informed the Board that a very good Well has lately been discovered in Barley Street near Broadway in a dangerous situation which has been covered up some time in consequence of its being on the line of the Street and that an old building covers the north side of the wall of the Well, to which it answers as part of the foundation.

That There are no Wells within a reasonable distance of this place, and it would be much to the convenience of the neighbourhood if it was made useful: in order to do which it will be only necessary for the Superintendant of repairs to lead it to the Curb in the usual

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 264.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 333.*—ED.

way: and the Street Commissioner recommended that he be directed so to do.

Ordered that the Superintendant of [293] repairs, open said Well and fix a Pump agreeably to the recommendation of the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner informed the Board that there was near $500 due to the Carmen and Labourers employed at the Collect and recommended that a Warrant be issued towards paying them off.

Warrt Nº 893. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham for $500. to discharge the same.

The Street Commissioner solicited a renewal of the *permission, given to him last fall which he then found it inexpedient to use in consequence of the pressure of public duty, for leave of absence for a few weeks, which was granted.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting various nuisances, from Nº 4220. to Nº 4250. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Alderman Fish submitted the following resolution, which was passed

Resolved that a †public pound be established at some convenient situation as near the two Mile Stone on the Bowery as may be, and also that another Pound be established at or near Harlem and that the Aldermen and Assistants [294] of the Eighth and Ninth Wards be a Committee to carry this Resolution into effect.

Ordered that so much of the Law " regulating the Sale of Horses &c " as relates to prevent racing in the public Streets be published in the papers employed by this Board, and that the Clerk cause handbills containing said extract to be printed and posted in the suburbs of this city.

‡The Committee of repairs were instructed to view the Dock at the Old Ferry at Brooklyne and to direct such repairs thereto as, in their judgment, should appear necessary.

Warrant Nº 892. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Bingham Esqr on account of the Committee of repairs for $100.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

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* Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 444.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 312. See Report P. 330.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 317.*—Ed.

N° 1.

Garrit Tinkey, Carpenter, 37 Chapel Street vice Henry Poulis resigned.

N° 20.

William M^cKenney Jun^r Stonecutter, 18. Rector S^t vice Abraham Ely, removed.

N° 34.

Richard G. Rider, vice James Blaclidge.
John Foster " John Matlack.
Robert Brower " Jacob Day.

[295] Hook & Ladder N° 1.

William Merrill, Carpenter, 48. Front Street, vice William Murdoch res^d

Alexander Fisher, Grocer, 80. Wall Street, vice John Linnen. deceased.

The Board proceeded to the appointment of Inspector's of election for Members of Assembly pursuant to Law, when the following persons were duly appointed.

For the First Ward, Nathan Sanford, Abraham Herring, Robert Morris.

" Second d° Charles Marsh, Walter Bowne, John Ellis.

" Third d° Garrit Gilbert, John B. Dash, John W. Wyman

" Fourth d° Elkanah Doolittle, John Targee, Robert Brown

" Fifth d° William Boyd, Joseph Board, James Davidson

" Sixth d° George Janeway, Anthony Steenbach, Leonard Seaman

" Seventh d° George Buckmaster, John Youle, William Ball

[296] For the Eighth Ward,	{	Joseph Watkins Charles Christian Henry Brevoort
" Ninth Ward.	{	Peter Myers John Gelston Derick Ten Broock
" *Tenth Ward.	{	Benjamin Thurston Caleb Pell Solomon Wheeler

Ordered that the Clerk publish the preceding appointments in the papers employed by this Board and give notice to each person individually of his appointment.

Ordered that the Recorder issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 870	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch.....	$276.36
871	" William Van Wart. dº	276.36
872	" William Peterson. dº	256.76
873	" James Snow dº	256.76
874	" Thomas Darling dº	266.56
875	" Isaac Anderson dº	266.56
876	Thomas & James Stevenson, Blacksmiths work for Fire engines	227.40
877	George McCamman, labour for Supt of repairs.....	102.62
878	James Horner, repairs to Wells & pumps.....	52.62
879	Mark McCamman, labour for Supt of repairs.....	31.
880	City Dispensary, Annual Subscription.....	25.
881	[297] George Youle, Lead & Plumbers work for Pumps..	109.94
882	Abraham Martling, Plank & Boards for Supt of repairs..	310.35
883	Frederick Eckert, Carpenter's work for dº.....	194. 6
884	Edward Moran, for services as Asst to C. Inspecr.....	54.
885	Andrew Otterson, dº dº	54.
886	James Hardie, Salary.....	62.50
887	John Pintard. dº as City Inspector.....	312.50
888	Beekman Van Beuren, repairs to roads.....	812.63½
889	Jacob Morton for preparing deeds for Inclenberg Lots...	234.
890	John H. Sickles, on acct of Building Commee.....	2400.
891	Divie Bethune, Attorney for heirs of James Grant, balle of his intestate estate.....	97.70
892	John Bingham, on Acct of Commee of repairs.....	100.
393	dº on Acct of Collect.....	500.

* Marginal note reads *Agreeably to Act of the Legislature, Passed in conformity with Memorial of Com. Council See P. 197.*—ED.

[298] In Common Council, April 11th 1808.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder.

Jacob Mott James Drake Abraham King Thurston Wood John Bingham Samuel M. Hopkins Peter Mesier John D. Miller	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Jasper Drake Abraham Bloodgood Samuel Torbert Simon Van Antwerp Stephen Ludlam John W. Mulligan John Slidell	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report from the Police Office, that Captain Anderson had suspended Isaac Fairbanks for sleeping on his post was referred to the Watch Committee.

A proposal of Thomas Payntar offering $150. for the lease of Horn's Hook ferry [299] for the ensuing year, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

*A Petition of Patience Bonnett, setting forth her advanced age, and praying that she may be allowed to renew the Lease of the Lot N° 113. Chatham Street, which expires on the 1st day of May next, on moderate terms, was referred to the Comptroller.

†A Petition of Court Went, setting forth his infirmity and incapacity to pay an extravagant rent, praying he may be allowed to renew the Lease of Lot N° 112. Chatham Street, which expires on the 1st day of May next, on moderate terms, was also referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Samuel Martin occupant of stand N° 37. And of Jacob Flager occupant of Stand N° 40. in Hudson Market to be allowed to interchange Stands, was referred to the Market Committee, who, forthwith, reported in favour of the prayer of the Petitioners, which was granted.

‡A Petition of Lois Keefe, present keeper of the Flagstaff at the Battery, to be continued in her station, and offering, if required, an annual rent of $200. for the privilege, was referred to the Finance Committee.

[300] A Petition of Joshua Barker, surety for Simon Ackerman representing that he has purchased at the Sheriffs Sale, all the right and title of said Ackerman to the ||Water grant formerly made to him and David Ackerman at Watts and Washington Streets; and remonstrat-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 318.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See do do*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 376.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 369 416.*—Ed.

ing against the *petition of David Ackerman, was referred to Alderman Hopkins Mesier and the Comptroller.

†A Petition of Thomas Anderson to lease or purchase a Lot belonging to the Corporation at the corner of Anthony and Elm Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward and the Comptroller.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Fifth Ward for the completing the Basin at Duane Street, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

‡A Petition of Thomas Mason to be relieved from the penalty of $25. incurred for introducing the Brig Pallas into one of the public Slips, contrary to law, was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition of the proprietors for the [301] regulation of Pump Street, from Mulberry to Orange Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The following Communication from the Commissary of Military Stores was presented.

To the Honorable the Corporation.

Gentlemen

I would inform you that I was notified to appear before the Grand Jury on Saturday last to testify to what I know concerning Powder and Ammunition in the Arsenal. I was a few minutes too late they had just broken up.

Your Honorable Body will recollect that according to a late law of the Legislature and an order of the Commander in Chief, whose duty it is, agreeably to said Law, to make a deposit of Arms and Ammunition in the different counties in the eastern and western districts of this State, We are therefore under the necessity of supplying them immediately. All Ammunition for Artillery and Musketry must be prepared and put up safe in boxes previous to its leaving this place. The Arsenal and Laboratory are the only places we have for preparing stores of that kind. You will find, accompanying this, an order from General Morton, on the part of the Corporation, to General Steddiford and myself, [302] to cause a quantity of fixed and loose ammunition for Artillery and Musketry to be deposited in the Arsenal for the supply of the military in case of necessity. You will likewise see by the certificate of the Quarter Master of the Artillery that all Ammunition for practising on public days has heretofore been prepared

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 282.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P 439.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 346.*—ED.

in the Arsenal and the Yard, and that the greatest precaution has always been used to prevent accidents. We are now under the Necessity of keeping so many Mechanics at work at mounting Artillery, it is therefore impossible to keep the Yard clear of shavings, but the greatest care is taken in the business, not the least Fire is allowed to be brought within the inclosure, there can be no danger, except it arises from the Armoury adjoining, which I think it will be proper to remove as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen.
Your obd Servant

New York. April 11th 1808. John McLean
Commy of Mily Stores

Ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee.

A Counter Memorial of a large number of Watchmen, stating their perfect satisfaction with the present rate of their Wages, which they do not wish to be augmented, was referred [303] to the Watch Committee.

Alderman Mott, Chairman of the Building Committee, presented the following Communication to him from the Architect.

Alderman Mott

Sir

If the funds of the Corporation will not admit of carrying on the work of the New City Hall to the extent that was contemplated the last season, for which every preparation has been made and to accomplish which would require a sum of about Thirty Thousand Dollars.

The following detailed estimate shews the sum requisite to continue the business on a reduced Scale from this time to the first of December next: Vizt

One Master Mason, 200 days @ 40/	$1000	
10 Masons, each 200 do @ 10/	2500	
16 Labourers, each 200 do 7/	2800	
Building Stone $300. Brick $400	700	
Lime & Sand	600	
Scaffolding $200. Iron work $250	450	
		$8050
1 Carpenter $350. 1. Apprentice $175	525	
1 Journeyman Carpenter	225	
Oil, Paint & Ironmongery	250	
Timber & Plank	150	
		1150

[304] Carried Over		$.9200
1. Master Stone Cutter 200 days @ 40/	$1000	
14 Apprentices each 200 dº 7/	2450	
20. Stone Cutters each 200 dº 9/	4500	
2 Stone Sawyers each 200 dº 7/	350	
Large Brown Stone	1000	
Sharpening Stone Cutters Tools	600	
1 Master Carver, 200 days @ 32/	800	
3 Apprentices each 200 dº 8/	600	
2 Stone Cutters each 200 dº 10/	500	
Contingencies, say	2300	
		14.100
		$23.300

Although the amount of the above estimates will not enable us to carry up the Walls to the height that could be wished, Yet we shall be able to raise them above the heads of the second Story windows, so that the Building may be roofed in the course of the next Season. This will be placing a large quantity of valuable Stone out of the reach of accident, which ought to be done, should we even stop from preparing any more.

There are, at present, Forty three Stonecutters employed, but presume we can work to advantage with the number calculated on in the estimate. Could the means be provided to Keep the number we now have, it would be very desirable, as many of these poor men will soon be reduced to great distress for want of employ.

I beg leave to observe that the foundation is sufficiently settled. No danger can be apprehended in [305] carrying the Building up to its height. The walls are now built to the Sills of the Second Story windows a considerable part of the work above is plain and already prepared, so that the Walls can with ease be raised to a sufficient height this season to have the whole put under cover the following year.

The Slow progress of this building from its commencement has greatly enhanced the expense, and should it be much longer delayed a number of articles requisite for carrying on the work must be renewed for they are now in a State of decay. Our Lime Houses, Fences, and Work Shops were put up with a view to last only five or six years; these will have to be rebuilt in a short time. A considerable quantity of timber has been exposed for three years, Scaffolding, Poles, Ropes, plank, covering and many other Articles are decaying very rapidly. There is also a large quantity of Marble and Stone already prepared,

valued at Twenty Thousand Dollars, which is much exposed and easily injured. The loss occasioned by frequent handling the cut Stone and piling them away, is at least equal to ten per cent on the original labor, which would be saved by taking them directly on the walls. It appears therefore prudent and economical to set the Masons at work immediately, which will tend to lessen the expense, give satisfaction to the Corporation, and pleasure to the Building Committee to have the [306] Work progressing with spirit and propriety under their direction.

Which is respectfully submitted

New York. 11th April 1808. John M'Comb. Junr

Ordered that the Building Committee direct the Architect to remove the coverings over the Walls of the New City Hall and to proceed with the Building forthwith.

The City Inspector presented the following report respecting an Attempt to set fire to a Cooper's Shop on the 6th inst. made to him by his Assistant Mr James Hardie.

Sir

Agreeably to your directions I have made enquiry respecting the attempt to set fire to Mr Charles Devoe's Cooper Shop, in Cherry near Charlotte Street, on the night of Tuesday last and am abundantly satisfied, upon a careful examination of the premises, that the fire which commenced there on that night, was not the effect of accident but of design.

The under part of the shop being open, towards the river, seems to have afforded the incendiary a convenient place for depositing some combustibles, where these were placed, amidst a quantity of light stuff, several shingles dipped in [307] tar, the remainder of which are still preserved by Mr Devoe.

A spot more favourable to the nefarious design of an incendiary can scarcely be conceived. Directly in the rear of the Shop and almost adjoining it, there are immense quantities of staves &ca A great part of which, having been there about two Years, would, of course, catch fire like tinder. There are likewise a number of Wooden buildings in the vicinity, which must soon have become involved in flames, and the shipping, from their proximity, could with difficulty, if at all, have been saved from the devouring element. It is therefore highly probable, that if this fire had not been providentially checked at its commencement, the conflagration would have soon acquired such an

ascendancy as to have baffled the united exertions of all the firemen of the city.

Your obed[t] Serv[t]

M[r] John Pintard, City Inspec[r] James Hardie

April. 9th. 1808.

Ordered that the Recorder be authorized to issue his Proclamation, under the Seal of this Corporation offering a reward, for the discovery and Conviction of the Incendiary, of Two Hundred Dollars.

On representation by the Comptroller that Burdet Stryker, lessee of the Ferry from Flymarket to Brooklyne, offered John Dykman [308] and John Vreeland as sureties, in the place of John Hicks deceased and John Jackson who declines.

Ordered that the same be accepted.

*The Comptroller presented a Bond of Divie Bethune and James R. Smith, to indemnify the Corporation for the payment of the ballance of the intestate Estate of James Grant deceased, paid into the Treasury, to the said Divie Bethune Attorney for the Heirs of the said Grant.

Ordered that the Same be approved and filed with the Comptroller.

The Street Commissioner presented two Assessments for opening Cross Street: the one for ground taken opposite the Manhattan Water Works between Reed and Barley Streets, and the other for ground taken on the North side of Magazine Street.

Ordered that the same be published in the papers employed by this Board, and that 200 Handbills be also printed and posted in the vicinity of Cross and Magazine Streets.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Walker Street from Church Street to Chapel Street and recommended [309] William Dustan as Collector.

†Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5[th] Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report.

The Street Commissioner has the honour to represent to the Board that it was expected when an Order passed the Board, at the request of M[r] Andrew Morris to alter the lateral Sewer on the West side of Broad Street, that M[r] Morris would consent to pay the whole expence attending it, and in consequence of this understanding the account has been presented to him: but he has hitherto declined assuming

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 286.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See, Report P. 318.*—ED.

it, upon the presumption that a small portion of that expense ought to be charged upon some of the proprietors, from whose property the water will run into the sewer. It has been represented to Mr Morris that in all probability there will not be more money charged upon such proprietors than the current expences, and that his account will therefore be as great as it now is; but he seems willing to risk the effect of an Assessment.

The Street Commissioner therefore presents the draft of an Ordinance for making the Assessment, which, in his opinion, ought to be passed.

Which is respectfully submitted

April. 11th 1808. John S. Hunn.

[310] Ordered that the same do pass and that Tunis Quick George Brinckerhoof Thomas Storm Samuel Tooker John T. Ball be appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner represented that $400 were due to the persons employed at the Collect, and requested that a warrant might be passed for $500. to pay them.

Warrt Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman
No 904. Bingham for $500. to discharge the same.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting various Nuisances from No 4251. to No 4254. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers recommended the following resolution which was passed.

*Resolved that the Comptroller advertise for proposals to be delivered at his office, Sealed, until the 22d instant, for leasing the Slips, Wharves and piers belonging to this Board for the term of three years from the 1st day of May next.

[311] Mr Bloodgood submitted the following resolution, which was passed.

Resolved that every Committee appointed by this Board to Superintend and carry into effect any orders relating to public improvements, shall, before they execute the Same, report to this Board for its approbation and concurrence, the probable expense likely to attend such improvements.

Mr Torbert submitted the following Resolution which was passed.

Resolved, That so much of the last Years Assessment Book as in-

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 327.*—ED.

cludes the present Seventh Ward, agreeably to the late division thereof be copied from the Collector's Book for the use of the Inspector's of the Seventh Ward, at the ensuing Election; at the expense of this Board.

Ordered that Ballot Boxes be prepared for the Tenth Ward.

Resolved that the Building Committee be requested to confer with the Masters and Mechanics employed on the Building of the New City Hall, on the subject of reducing their Wages the ensuing season.

Resolved, that from henceforth, the Watch Committee report to this Board the names [312] of those Watchmen who may be suspended from their stations, and the names of those who may be appointed in their places.

*Ordered that the Road Committee and the Committee on the Collect, report, at the next meeting, progress of their proceedings with an estimate of the probable expense that may attend their projected improvements.

†Ordered that the Committee to whom the subject was referred, erect one public Pound agreeably to Law, in the vicinity of the two mile Stone in the Bowery.

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs set up a Public Stocks in some convenient place in the Bridewell Yard.

The Recorder informed the Board that the Oneida Indians had returned to this city from Philadelphia: He was requested to provide for their accommodation during their stay here, and to send them back to Albany, as soon as possible, at the expense of this Board.

Ordered that the Recorder issue his Warrants to pay

Nº 894	Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr to defray expenses of the Oneida Indians	$111.75
895	[313] Ephraim Brasher, Commissioner of Excise for contingencies &c	24.87
896	John Burger, Coroner, for fees	259.50
897	Peter Burtsell, Stationary for Comptrollers Office	40.62
898	dº dº for City Inspector's dº	31. 7
899	dº dº " Street Commr dº	8.69
900	Peter A. Mesier for Assessment books	3.
901	American Citizen, half yearly subscripn	37.50
902	Joseph Boyd, carting for Supt of repairs	53.
903	Jacob Straut dº dº	53.
904	John Bingham, on acct of Collect	500.

Adjourned to meet at the Alms House on Monday next. 3 o'clock. P. M.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 331.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 293.*—Ed.

[314] In Common Council, April 18th 1808

Present. Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Samuel Kip	Assistants.
John Bingham		Simon Van Antwerp	
Nicholas Fish		Abraham Bloodgood	
James Drake		John Slidell	
Abraham King		Jasper Ward	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Thomas J. Campbell	
John D. Miller		Samuel Torbert	
		John W. Mulligan	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Letters from Nathan Sanford and Robert Morris Junr were read, declining their appointment as Inspectors of the ensuing election for the First Ward.

Whereupon, Peter Jay Munro and Robert Cocks were appointed in their places.

[315] A Petition of John Jacob Astor, praying for a reconsideration of the terms of the *Water grant made to him between Bastaver's Killetje and Leroy Street, was referred to the Finance Committee and the Comptroller.

Memorials of The Society of the United Christian Friends, Philip J. Arcularius and Andrew Stockholm remonstrating against the Assessment for opening Cross Street, were referred to the As[ses]sors on said Street.

A Petition of sundry inhabitants in Wall Street complaining against the practice of boys playing ball before the Fire Engine House adjoining the City Hall, and other annoyances was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward.

†A Petition of Divie Bethune Attorney of P. Grant, and others, praying that the order to record the power of Attorney from said Grant, may be rescinded, was granted, on condition of his filing the power of Attorney with the Comptroller.

A Memorial of William Dustan, Collector for regulating White Street stating that Mrs Chapman owes $21.13¾ on the Assessment and representing her total inability to discharge [316] the same and requesting the interposition of the Board in her favour, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward.

Petitions of Lewis Guerneau and Joseph McKibben to be ap-

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 378. See Report P. 411.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 287.*—Ed.

pointed Inspectors of Fire wood were referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of John L. Bowne, was discharged and the subject was †referred to Alderman Drake, Hopkins and Mr Ward.

Mr Mulligan from the Committee to whom was referred the ‡Report of the Street Commissioner relating to Samuel L. Page, Collector of Assessments, reported in favour of issuing warrants to

Warrants		
No 919	Samuel Stillwell for surveying Broadway.....	$15.60
920	Gabriel Furman, for Contract for regulating Cherry Street..	214.63
921	Andrew Morrell, for sewer in Roosevelt St.....	118.83
922	Ezekiel Bishop, for Assessors for Cherry St.....	52.88

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that Warrants be issued accordingly.

[317] ||The Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported an estimate for repairing the wharf at Brooklyne, amounting to $300.

Ordered that the repairs be made.

The Road Committee presented the following report.

§The Road Committee, agreeably to the order of the Board on Monday last

Report

That Doctor Van Beuren has eight Carts and Ten Labourers employed at Broadway, which will be completed in two weeks: Four Carts and Two Labourers clearing out the passage through Art Street: and Six Carts and Five Labourers at Inclenberg hill on the Boston road, which will be finished in six or eight weeks.

That Mr Waldron has three carts and ten labourers at the Bridge on the Manhattan Avenue near Mr Posts.

Making together		
21. Carmen	@ 13/ pr day.....	$37.37
27 Labourers	@ 6/6. do	21.93
		$59.30

Consequently their wages is about $355. per week.

The Committee have not been able to ascertain the precise sum that it will cost [318] to complete the above objects. They are however persuaded they can be done within the time abovementioned, and they solicit the indulgence of the Board for further particulars until

* Marginal note reads *See P. 283.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 377.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 193.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See, P. 294.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See, P. 312.*—Ed.

they can go out for the purpose of making an investigation of the probable expense.

April. 18th 1808.

Nichs Fish
Jasper Ward
Samuel Kip
Jno Slidell.

*The Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward, to whom was referred the Assessment for regulating Walker Street, between Church and Chapel Streets, reported that the same was correct.

Ordered that said Assessment be confirmed, and that William Dustan be appointed Collector.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

The Comptroller respectfully represents the following statement of the lots in Chatham Street.

†Court Went has agreed to renew the lease of lot No 112. Chatham Street, at the price fixed by the Committee, Septr 14. 1807.

‡Patience Bonnett, Lot 113. on same terms

[319] ||James Langley part of Lot 101. on same terms

Zadock Seeley, the remainder of Lot 101 do

This last mentioned lot being irregular in its dimensions, agreeably to the accompanying sketch, The Comptroller would propose, for the concurrence of the Board, that the price be regulated according to the value of a 27. foot lot.

Mr Carey Ludlow having declined to renew his leases on Lots No 11 & 12. it is respectfully submitted to the discretion of the Board, what measures should be taken thereon.

G. N. Bleecker. Comptr

§Ordered that the Comptroller advertise Lots No 11 & 12. Chatham Street to be leased at public Auction, for the term of Twenty one Years from and after the 1st of May next. And if said Lots shall not bring the rent stipulated in the report of the Committee of the 14th September last, That the Comptroller be authorized to bid the same in on account of this board.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner having advertised the assessments for opening Cross Street [320] agreeably to the direction of the Board, has now the honor to cover them with Sundry remonstrances against the charges, for the consideration of the Common Council.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 308.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 299.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *do do*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See, P. 3.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See Report P. 361.*—Ed.

Upon the merit of these remonstrances it is perhaps irrelevant to the duty of the Street Commissioner to give an opinion, but he thinks it necessary to remark, that the Statement made by Mr Stockholm is correct, and that he intended to have represented the error to the Common Council, if Mr Stockholm had not done it.

Under such circumstances the Street Commissioner believes it would be most adviseable to refer the Assessments to the same Assessors, to correct the errors that can be pointed out, and to whom the aforesaid remonstrances might also be referred.

Which is respectfully submitted.

April. 18th 1808. John S. Hunn, St Com

Ordered that the Assessments for opening Cross Street be referred back to the Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board, that the [321] Assessors appointed in an Ordinance for opening Jay Street have neglected to make out the Assessment although they have all qualified 12 or 18. months ago and have been repeatedly requested to attend to it. The Assessors, however, delayed the Assessment until the Corporation settled with Mr Rhinelander, but this business has been done some months since and there is no reasonable cause for a further delay of the Assessment.

The Street Commissioner therefore recommends that the Assessors be directed to prepare the Assessment by the next meeting of the Board, or offer their reasons for the delay, as was done in a like case with respect to Art Street.

Which is respectfully submitted.

April 18th 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for the intersection of Henry Street.

Ordered that a Warrant be issued, in favour of Richard Clarkson, to enforce payment.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances No 4255 & 4256, for the purpose of correcting nuisances, which were passed.

[322] A Report made by James Hardie to the City Inspector of an incendiary attempt made on the Painter Shop of Andrew Sitcher, 57 William Street on the night of the 17th inst. was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

The Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell attended the

Common Council and submitted their Minutes for inspection together with a communication of their ideas for the better regulation and government of the Alms House which was referred to Alderman Hopkins King, and Mr Bloodgood.

Ordered that said Commissioners be authorized to appoint a Schoolmaster for the instruction of the Children in the Alms House, and that they also provide a suitable cell for solitary confinement.

Mr Ward submitted the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Streets make a report of all the monies by him received and what is due for manure for the last year, and also the separate expenses of the Streets and cleaning the docks: And also to make a monthly report to this Board.

[323] Ordered that the Comptroller prepare a grant to the State of New York of the soil under water in front of the ground belonging to the State Prison.

Warrt Nº 917. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles on account of the Building Committee for $1000.

Warrt Nº 918. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of William Mooney Superintendant of the Alms House, for $3000.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Nº 16.

Francis Ogsbury, Merchant, 77. William Street
vice Cornelius C. Van Allen, resd

Nº 21.

Jacob Frost, Wharfinger, 5 Vandewater Street
vice Benjamin Hustace. dº

William Guire exhibited to the Board a patent Machine for raising Water, which was referred to the Committee of the Fire Department.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 905	Captn Nicholas Lawrence, for city watch.....	$276.36
[324]		
906	Captn William Van Wart. City Watch.....	276.36
907	" William Peterson. dº	256.76
908	" James Snow. dº	256.76
909	" Thomas Darling dº	266.56
910	" Isaac Anderson dº	266.56
911	Jacob Dela Montagnie, special Justice of Police for salary..	250.
912	Joshua Barker dº dº ..	250.
913	Bernard O'Blenis, Clerk to dº ..	250.

Warrants

Nº 914	William Bridges, on acct of surveying	$100.
916	Watson & Campbell, for timber, for Supt repairs	235.66
917	John H. Sickles, on acct of Building Commte	1000.
918	William Mooney, Superintendant of Alms Hº	3000.
919	Samuel Stillwell, surveying Broadway	15.60
920	Gabriel Furman, for regulg Cherry Street	214.63
921	Andrew Morrel, for acct of Sewer in Roosevelt Street	118.83
922	Ezekiel Bishop, for Assessors for Cherry Street	52.88

[325] In Common Council. April. 25th 1808

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Esquires Aldermen		Messrs Assistants.	
Jacob Mott		Simon Van Antwerp	
Thurston Wood		Thomas J. Campbell	
Nicholas Fish		John W. Mulligan	
Abraham King		Abraham Bloodgood	
James Drake		John Slidell	
John Bingham		Jasper Ward	
Peter Mesier		Stephen Ludlam	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office that Captain Snow had suspended John Morgan for sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

Applications from Hector Craig. 166 } Broadway
James Anderson. 168 }
and Alexander Gifford Walker Street

[326] for permission to construct vaults in the Streets before their respective buildings, was granted, under the inspection of the Street Commissioner.

*An Application of Alexander Peacock and William Reynolds butchers for permission to interchange Stalls in the Flymarket was referred to the Market Committee.

An Application of Tunis Wortman, in behalf of the Secretary of this State, for the use of the Standard Yard Measure belonging to this Corporation, for the purpose of providing two similar measures for the State of New York, was granted and the Clerk was ordered to cause two Standards to be made accordingly, at the expense of the State.

A Petition of John Francis La Forgue to be relieved from the maintenance of a bastard child, charged against him by Martha Buddington, on the allegation, supported by sundry documents that he is

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 346.*—Ed.

not the father, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

*A Petition of John Stamler for a butchers licence and to be allowed the Stall N° 12 at present occupied by John G. Meserve, who is about relinquishing the same, was referred to the Market Committee.

[327] A Petition of the Prisoners on the Debtors limits praying that the bounds thereof may be extended agreeably to the late law to that effect, was referred to Alderman Drake, Mott and M^r Mulligan.

An Application of William Johnson and Stephen Bourdett Lessees of the public wharves & Slips, stating the dimunition of their receipts in consequence of the Embargo, and requesting an extension of their lease for another year, was referred to

The Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

†Ordered that the Comptroller advertise the public Wharves and Slips to be rented for the term of one year from the 1^st day of May next and that the persons who may have delivered in proposals agreeably to his former notice, have liberty to withdraw the same.

‡A further Memorial of Thomas Duggan respecting his claim for damages for opening Canal Street, was referred to the Committee on his former Petitions, Alderman Miller Chairman, with directions to report thereon at the next meeting.

An Application of Artemas B. Brookins to be appointed Inspector of Firewood in the Northern district, in place of William Day resigned, was granted.

[328] ||An Application of William Ovutt, at present in possession of Old Potters Field, granted by this Corporation to the United States for the purpose of an Arsenal, setting forth that he has an unexpired lease for the same for the term of two years, which he is willing to relinquish for an adequate consideration, the premises being immediately wanted by Colonel Williams for the U^d States, was referred to Mess^rs Ludlam Campbell and Slidell.

§Applications from Jeremiah Haley and Samuel Lynde for the remission of the penalties incurred for shipping Flour, contrary to Law, setting forth that the same was done, ignorantly and without intention to elude the law, were referred to Aldermen Bingham Mesier and M^r Bloodgood.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 346.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See. P. 310. 349.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 159. 356.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 341.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See Reports P. 358. 382.*—ED.

*The Mayor laid before the Board a Communication to him from Monsieur Du Buc de Marentille, on the subject of protecting this harbour on principles entirely new, and which are applicable to the defence of any other port or harbour, for the disclosure of which he demands a compensation of $60.000 [329] in case his plan should be adopted, otherwise no consideration to be paid; which was referred to the Committee of Defence.

A Letter was received from Caleb Pell appointed Inspector of Election for the Tenth Ward, declining his appointment.

Whereupon Jacob Morrell was appointed in his place.

A Communication was read from Col. Trumbull informing the Board, that agreeably to order, he had painted and delivered to Mr Skaats Keeper of the City Hall, the Portraits of Governor Lewis [&] Governor Tompkins whole lengths @ $500. each. and of Mayor Willett and Governor Stuyvesant heads @ $100. each. amounting to $1200. on which $600 have been paid on account and requesting a Warrant in his favour for the ballance.

Warrt No 926. Ordered that a Warrant be issued accordingly for $600.

On application of Jacob Cholwell, contractor for lighting the public Lamps.

Warrt No 927 Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $3000.

[330] The following Report was presented.

†The Committee to whom was referred the subject of establishing a Public Pound in the vicinity of the two Mile Stone

Report

That a lot of ground 28 feet front by 95 feet in depth can be procured in a convenient situation adjoining the corner of the Bowery road and Gerard Street near the two mile stone; that the proprietor has consented to execute a lease of said Lot to the Corporation for any term not exceeding eight years, free of rent, on condition, that the same be made use of, during the whole term as a public pound, and that he be exonerated during the continuance of said lease from the payment of all taxes and assessments thereon. The Committee are of opinion that it would be adviseable to accept the same; and that the Superintendant of repairs cause a suitable fence to be forthwith erected to inclose the same.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 373.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 293.*—ED.

They further Report, that in their opinion, the following appointments should be made by this Board, viz[t]

One Keeper of the Pound, and Six Fence viewers

All which is respectfully submitted

April 25[th] 1808.

Nich[s] Fish
Jasper Ward
Thurston Wood.

[331] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Board proceeded to make the following appointments.

William Martine, Keeper of the Pound John Adriance Benjamin Vreendenburg, Robert Gedney, John Stevens, Gilbert Coutant, and Daniel Jarvis, Fence Viewers.

The following Report was presented.

*Agreeably to a Resolution of the Board of the 11[th] inst. the Committee appointed to superintend the improvements at the Collect,

Report.

That the only source from which they could obtain information, relative to the expenses, is from a statement of the Street Commissioner, which statement is hereunto annexed, amounting to Five thousand, Seven hundred and One Dollars, since the 15th day of January to the 16th of April, the particulars of which are contained in said statement.

Your Committee had contemplated to report, what, in their opinion, would be the expense of completing the work, but from a survey [332] lately made it appears that the Corporation are the Proprietors of a large space of ground, perhaps an Acre, more than the Committee had any idea of, consequently the expense will be considerably more than had been supposed. But in this case the Corporation will be well compensated, as a large proportion thereof may be filled at a small expense, when compared with what has been filled during the winter past.

Your Committee are of opinion, however, that it will be necessary and expedient to continue the work, as by the suspension thereof a number of men will be turned out of employment, and probably it cannot be done hereafter, unless at a very advanced price, as the earth, in that neighbourhood will likely be principally removed this season.

Your Committee further state, that, in their opinion, the Corporation will be fully remunerated for the expense of filling the Collect, or so much as has been filled last winter, by the Sale of the manure

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 312.*—ED.

that has been removed therefrom, as by the information they have received from those employed in Agriculture and gardening, they are induced to believe that it will all be purchased for that purpose.

Thurston Wood
April, 25th 1808. Thos J. Campbell
Stepn Ludlam.

[333] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward, to whom was referred the *Communications of the Street Commissioner, recommending additional improvements in Oak and Bancker Streets by lifting up part of the pavement in Pearl Street:

Report

That they have viewed the premises with the profiles and consulted the neighbours respecting the same, from all which they are of opinion that it is desireable to make the alteration suggested, and recommend the accompanying Ordinance to be passed for that purpose.

The Committee further report, that they have agreed to give Doctor Torbert, Forty eight pounds and Mr Dodge Twenty eight pounds four shillings, for their fee simple right in an Alley of three feet running from Chesnut to Roosevelt Street, and necessary to accommodate this improvement, which sums are to be included in the expenses and assessed. The Committee observe that the price agreed upon, as aforesaid, is the ratio of the original purchases without interest; and they have directed deeds of cessions to be made to the Corporation accordingly.

April. 25th. 1808. Jas Drake
Abm Bloodgood.

[334] Ordered that the same be confirmed, and that the Ordinance, therewith presented, be passed.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of Wharves, Slips and Piers taking into consideration the want of a sufficient Basin at the Corporation Dock, on the Hudson river, recommend,

That one Pier be directed to be sunk from the Wharf made by Richard Varick opposite Partition Street, Two hundred & thirty six feet into the river, which, with an L. running northerly, as portrayed on the Map herewith presented, will make a spacious and desireable accommodation for Vessels using the trade of the Hudson; and they

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 291.*—ED.

also present the draft of an Ordinance in conformity with their ideas on this subject, which in their opinion ought to be passed.

Jas Drake
April. 25th. 1808. Abraham King
Jacob Mott.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Ordinance, therewith presented, be passed.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers having viewed the situation of the Flymarket [335] Slip are of opinion that a great convenience would arise to Boats and Vessels which frequent said Slip, if a person, residing near the same, be appointed by this Board to regulate the Boats and Vessels that frequent said Slip: They therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that John Dikeman be and he is hereby appointed to regulate the lying, fastening, and Births of all Sloops, Boats or other vessels whatsoever that may come or resort to the Flymarket Slip, as he shall think proper, and that every person refusing to comply with such orders and directions shall, for every offence, forfeit and pay the sum of Ten Dollars.

Jas Drake
April, 25th 1808. Jacob Mott.
Abraham King.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and the Resolution was passed accordingly.

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers, having received propositions from the Owners of Lots from Exchange to Coenties Slip, which is also herewith submitted, beg leave to recommend to the Common Council to accept of the cession on the following terms, viz[t]

That the Proprietors cede to the Corporation all their right and title to the lands and [336] water including the end of the Pier on the west side of Coenties Slip and both sides and end of the Pier at the Exchange Slip, and that the Corporation will within eighteen 18 Months from this date carry out the piers to the same extent as those on the west side of the Exchange Slip and make the L: and in case the Corporation should at any time hereafter order and direct the said waters to be filled up, it shall, in that case be at the expense of the owners of the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 385.*—ED.

said Lots fronting the basin, and the ground thereto shall revert to the said owners when so filled in; and while the property above described shall remain in the Corporation they will remit to the said Owners so much of the rent payable to the Corporation in the proportion that the distance from Front to South Street bears to the whole rent: the rent thus remitted to return to the Corporation in the event of the filling up the said Waters. Your Committee therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that the Common Council do agree to accept of the foregoing report, on condition that the present proprietors, viz^{t} John Delafield, James W. Lent, Suydam and Wyckoff, Stephen Whitney, Elbert Roosevelt, Isaac Clason and Augustus Van Cortlandt cede to this Board all their right, title and interest in the lands and [337] water including the ends of the pier at the Exchange Slip, within Thirty days from this date and make a regular conveyance of the same agreeably to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Ja^{s} Drake
April 25th 1808. Abraham King.
Jacob Mott.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and the Resolution was passed accordingly.

The Superintendant of repairs presented the following report.

The Superintendant of repairs has the honour to report,

That he has, agreeably to the request of Alderman Mott, examined the Well at the corner of Henry and George Streets and finds the said well is in such a state as not to be made useful to the neighbourhood and recommends it to be filled up and the Street repaired.

Jacob P. Roome.
April. 25th 1808. Sup^{t} repairs.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from N^{o} 4257. to N^{o} 4261. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

[338] *Ordered that the Clerk and Counsel report, at the next meeting, the draft of a deed of conveyance of the present Arsenal in Chatham Street and the ground thereunto attached, to the Trustees of the Free School, whenever the same shall revert to this Board.

Permission was granted to Isaac M^{c}Comb to make use of that part

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 347.*—ED.

of Laight Street bordering on Hudson river for landing and preparing Stone for the public Fortifications.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 923.	James Horner, for repairing Wells	.....	$108.
924	Matthew Dikeman, dº Pumps	.....	147.18
925	Daniel Woolsey dº Docks	.....	286.87
926	Colonel John Trumbull, balle for Portraits	.....	600.
927	Jacob Cholwell, Contractor for lighting Lamps	.....	3000.

[339] In Common Council, May, 2d 1808

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire Mayor.

James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Peter Mesier Samuel M. Hopkins John D. Miller Abraham King	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Abraham Bloodgood John Slidell Jasper Ward Simon Van Antwerp Stephen Ludlam John W. Mulligan	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of certain Members of the Methodist Society, that a Lamp may be placed before their place of worship in Hetty Street, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

*A Petition of John Francis La Forgue, Attorney of Ursule Eugenie Jouette, Widow of Pierre Michel Magnan deceased, claiming the intestate estate of said Magnan, paid into the Treasury, was referred to the Treasurer.

[340] A Memorial of sundry Masters of Vessels complaining against the negligence and inattention of the present lessees of the public Wharves & Slips and recommending that the same be leased to some more suitable person, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and piers.

A Communication was received from Jacob John Lansing, Assessor of the 1st Ward, informing the Board that, by reason of severe indisposition, he was compelled to resign.

Ordered that an election be held on Monday the 9th inst. in the City Hall, for an Assessor of the 1st Ward in the place of Jacob J. Lansing resigned, and William G. Forbes Anthony Bolton and Garrit Kettletas were appointed Inspectors.

The Treasurer presented his report which was ordered to be filed.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 358. 382. 394. 406.*—Ed.

*He likewise presented an application setting forth the inadequate compensation that he received for his services, and requesting that he may be allowed at the rate of Seven Mills on a dollar on the Amount of the Tax; which was referred to the Finance Committee.

[341] The following report was presented.

†The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to confer with Mr Ovutt the Lessee of the ground formerly called the Old Pottersfield, beg leave to

Report,

That said William Ovutt, in the year 1803, leased from the Surveyor General of the State, the ground adjoining to Potters field, which said ground, in or about the year 1796, had been ceded by the Corporation to the State as a scite for an Arsenal or Military Magazine, with the proviso that the same should revert to the Corporation if not applied by the State for those purposes: the term of said lease was for seven years, from the passing of the act, at the rate of $87.50. and consequently will not expire until the 4th of April 1810. It appearing to the Legislature that some informality had arisen in consequence of the Surveyor General leasing the land in question to Mr William Ovutt, they thought proper to introduce the following explanatory section in the law passed 2d April 1806, vizt

"Whereas the Surveyor general under the authority of the act directing him to lease lands attached to Arsenals and Military Stores [342] has leased the ground adjoining to Potters field in the City of New York, which was conveyed by the Corporation of said City to the State for the purpose of erecting Military Stores thereon, and no other; and it appearing that the leasing of the said ground as aforesaid is not authorized by law: Therefore"

"Be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Surveyor General to assign the said lease to the Corporation of the said City of New York and thereupon the Treasurer shall, on the warrant of the Comptroller, pay to the said Corporation the monies that have been paid as rent on said lease."

The Committee, therefore, are of opinion that the Act of the Legislature, above recited, and the assignment of the said Lease by the Surveyor General to the Corporation, together with the acceptance of the stipulated rent from Mr Ovutt constitute a complete recognition of his lease and consequently the title to the land is vested in him during the continuance of it agreeably to its worth and condition; and further,

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 436.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 328. 399.*—ED.

that any informality which may [have] existed originally in the same, has been done away by the Comptroller of this Board receiving the rents of said ground from Mr Ovutt according to its tenor and condition.

[343] They have had an interview with Mr Ovutt on this subject, and he has declared that he does not wish, by any means, to empede the public improvements contemplated, but as he will suffer a very material injury from the destruction of his crop, he agrees, provided the Board will agree also that the whole matter in question shall be decided by arbitration, according to the terms and conditions of his lease. Your Committee are of opinion that a Bond should be entered into by him to abide the award of Arbitrators, one of whom to be chosen by the Board, and the other by Mr Ovutt, and that the Attorney of the Corporation should be directed to prepare the same without delay. It appears that the house in which Mr Ovutt resides is not comprehended in that part of the land ceded to the United States, but is in that portion which is reserved for a public square and the Committee are of opinion that he should be allowed for the present to occupy the House, as a tenant by the courtesy of the Board, and which, they find from a conversation had with the Architect, will not at all interfere with the plans of improvement.

Respectfully submitted

May. 2d 1808. Stepn Ludlam
John Slidell

Ordered that the same be confirmed and [344] that Henry Brevoort be appointed Arbitrator on the part of this Board.

The following Report was presented.

*The Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward to whom was referred the Petition of Peter P. Van Zandt to be relieved from the Assessment for widening Burling Slip

respectfully report

That they have conferred with Mr Van Zandt on the matters stated in his petition, and have been applied to on behalf of other persons to whom the principle on which he requests *requests* would also apply.

The foundation of his claim, however, rests on alledged sacrifices on his part in an arrangement made, as stated in his petition, between him and the Corporation, by means of which a water grant was obtained by him, to the westward of the said Slip.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 229.*—Ed.

It is further submitted that Mr Van Zandts petition does not profess to state reasons why the Assessment should be set aside as unequal or improper in any other respect than as aforesaid.

The Assessors however, could not properly take into consideration the former merits of Mr Van Zandt in his transactions with this [345] board and therefore the only relief which could be granted if any would be to assume the payment of the amount assessed on Mr Van Zandt, and inasmuch as according to the facts stated in the petition the cession of Mr Van Zandts interest was accompanied by a valuable acquisition on his part, Your Committee think it inexpedient to discharge him from the payment of his proportion of the payment or to interfere with the duty of the Collector respecting the same.

May. 2d 1808

Sam. M. Hopkins
John W. Mulligan.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was presented.

*The Committee on the proposition to extend Hamilton Square to Albany Avenue

Report

That in their opinion such an extension would be exceedingly desireable and that for the purpose of furthering this improvement they recommend the purchasing the Lot owned by Messrs Philip Brasher and James Fairlie at the west end of Hamilton Square between Manhattan and Albany Avenue, for the consideration of Two Thousand Dollars, payable at any time within Four years with interest, being the terms on which the [346] Proprietors will consent to sell the same.

May. 2d 1808

Peter Mesier
Stepn Ludlam.

Ordered that the same be confirmed

Warrt No 944.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of William Dustan, in behalf of Mrs Chapman, reported in favour of the Board assuming her proportion of the assessment for regulating White Street, which was confirmed and a Warrant was ordered to be issued in favour of William Dustan, Collector of said Assessment for $21.14.

The Market Committee, to whom the several †petitions were referred, reported in favour of granting

* Marginal note reads *See P. 220.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 326.*—Ed.

John Stamler, Stand N° 12. Hudson Market and allowing Alexander Peacock and William Reynolds to interchange Stalls which was confirmed.

*The Attorney to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Mason, reported thereon and submitted his application to the discretion of the Common Council; whereupon

Ordered that the prayer of the Petitioner [347] for remission of the penalty incurred be granted, on his paying costs of suit.

The †Counsel and Clerk presented the draft of a conveyance of the Arsenal to the Trustees of the New York Free School Society, which was ‡referred to Alderman Drake, Miller and Mr Ludlam to report the boundaries.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

||The Street Commissioner has the honor to communicate to the Board, That the Governor has informed him that the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature to cede ground to the United States for Fortifications have consented to convey to the Common Council a plot of ground in the rear of the Government House of the breadth of Forty eight feet eight inches and running from Whitehall to State Street, for the purpose of continuing Bridge Street to the Battery. and has suggested the propriety of the Common Council's adopting the same for a public Street, and of authorising the Street Commissioner to accept of the cession, under the approbation of the Council of the Board.

The Street Commissioner further informs that Mr Gracie owns a small gore or [348] triangle required for the Street which he will also cede gratis, and which is particularly portrayed upon the Map herewith presented.

The Street Commissioner therefore proposes the following resolutions.

Resolved, That Bridge Street be continued of the width of 48 feet 8. inches from Whitehall Street to State Street, the north line of which to be a continuation of the North line of Bridge Street, as the same is now built upon, and agreeably to the dotted lines on a Map thereof exhibited by the Street Commissioner, and

Resolved, further, that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to accept, in behalf of this Corporation, such deed

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 300.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 338. 488.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 19. P. 21. 75.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 269. 355.*—ED.

or deeds of cession for the same, as shall be approved by the Council of the Board

All which is respectfully submitted.

May. 2d 1808 John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[349] The Street Commissioner represented that a considerable sum was due to the Workmen and Carmen employed at the Collect. Warrt Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman No 947. Bingham for $1000. to discharge the same.

*The Comptroller presented a proposal from Burnell Brown to lease two thirds of the cellar, which he at present occupies, under Catherine Market, for three years, @ $150. per annum. free of all expense to the Board.

Ordered that the same be accepted, for the term of One Year from the 1st day of January last.

The Comptroller presented a proposal of Abraham Hyler of Bull's ferry State of New Jersey, to rent the privilege of using the Corporation Basin for said ferry, for the term of three Years at the rate of Five Dollars per. an.

Ordered that the same be accepted.

†Agreeably to the order of the Board the Comptroller presented the following proposals for renting the public Wharves and Slips for the term of One Year, Vizt

William John & Stephen Bourdett for.....	$10.000
Charles Smith	17.250
John Thorne	17.250

Whereupon the Board proceeded to a choice [350] by ballot, when Charles Smith, was chosen lessee.

Ordered that the Comptroller prepare a lease in favour of the said Smith of the public wharves and Slips, for the term of one year from the 1st inst. at the rate of $17,250. he giving adequate security for the quarterly payment of the same.

‡Ordered that the Ferry Committee cause the Ferry Boats of the Flymarket ferry belonging to the late lessee to be appraised, and to transfer the same to the present lessee, he paying therefor the amount of said appraisment.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 142.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 327.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 358.*—Ed.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correcting various nuisances from N° 4262 to N° 4270 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the penalties in the Ordinances for raising sunken lots in the vicinity of Magazine Street, which have not been fulfilled, be exacted.

*Resolved that the Street Commissioner take measures for opening Greenwich Street as lately ceded by the Corporation of Trinity Church to this Board: And that he also cause such of the intersecting Streets, named in the [351] aforesaid cession to be opened, as in the opinion of the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward will be conducive to the public good.

Ordered that the Clerks of the late Election be allowed at the rate of Two Dollars per day each, and the Marshals and Constables at the rate of One Dollar and a half per day each, and that the Comptroller be authorized to settle with them accordingly.

On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House:

Warrant N° 946. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $2000.

Warrant N° 945. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Abraham B. Martling, in full for entertaining the Oneida Indians for $28.12½

N° 2.

Philander Camp was appointed Fireman vice Joseph Boss, resigned.

The Chief Engineer certifying a correspondent vacancy.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay

N° 928	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$276.36
929	" William Van Wart, do	.....	276.36
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930	Capt William Peterson—City Watch	.....	256.76
931	" James Snow do	.....	256.76
932	" Thomas Darling. do	.....	266.56
933	" Isaac Anderson. do	.....	266.56
934	James Hardie.....Salary &c	.....	64.50
935	Andrew Otterson, Asst to St Commr do	.....	52.
936	Edward Moran, do do	.....	52.
937	Mark McCamman, labour for Supt repairs	.....	30.
938	Samuel B. Waldron, Overseer of roads	.....	666.52
939	Daniel Davis, repairs to pumps	.....	47.
940	Castle & Fine. do do	.....	73.31
941	Fredk Eckert, Carpenters work for Supt of repairs	.....	181.56

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 384.*—ED.

Warrants brot Over

No 942	William Bridges, balle of acct for surveying.....	$66.47
943	John McKenzie, keeper of Pottersfield, sallary.....	90.
944	William Dustan, for assesst assumed for Mrs Chapman, for White Street.....	21.14
945	Abraham B. Martling, for entertaining Oneida Indians....	28.12½
946	William Mooney, Supt of Alms House.....	2000.
947	John Bingham, on acct of Collect.....	1000.

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Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire Mayor.
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder.

Jacob Mott
Abraham King
Nicholas Fish
James Drake
Peter Mesier
John Bingham
} Esquires Aldermen

Messrs Samuel Torbert
Samuel Kip
John W. Mulligan
Abraham Bloodgood
Stephen Ludlam
Simon Van Antwerp
Jasper Ward.
} Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor laid before the Board the following letter from his Excellency the Governor.

New York, May 7th. 1808

Sir

By an Act passed at the last session of the Legislature of this State entitled "An Act for the erection of a State Arsenal in the City [354] "of New York" the person administering the government of this State is authorized and empowered to select for that purpose one of three lots mentioned in the recital of the Act. Having inspected the lots referred to, I am fearful that they will not be convenient for the purpose contemplated by the Legislature, unless the part now covered with water be filled up according to the regulation of Collect Street. If to the lot bounded by Elm Street, Sugar Loaf Street and White Street, could be added the strip or piece of ground belonging to the Corporation in the block on the North easterly side of White Street, so that upon the Westerly part of the one the Arsenal might be erected, and the Westerly part of the other might be appropriated for an Arsenal Yard, and if both could be filled up to the permanent regulation of Collect Street, I presume the object of the Legislature may be accomplished. As it is desireable that the Arsenal, if erected the present Season, should be commenced as speedily as possible, I have

to request that the Corporation will be pleased to determine, whether the cession of the abovementioned ground, regulated and filled up to Collect Street can be obtained for that purpose.

I am, Sir very respectfully

Your obd Servt

Hon. De Witt Clinton. Daniel D. Tompkins

[355] Which was read and referred to Messrs Ludlam Bloodgood, and Aldn Drake.

Who forthwith reported in favour of ceding the grounds required by the Governor, in conformity with the "Act for the erection of a State Arsenal in the City of New York," which was confirmed, and a *deed ordered to be prepared in conformity.

The Mayor presented an instrument Signed by Daniel D. Tompkins Governor

John Broome, Lieut Governor

John Lansing Junr Chancellor

James Kent, Chief Justice of Sup. Court and

De Witt Clinton, Mayor of this City

"Commissioners named and appointed by the Legislature of the State of New York for the purpose of ceding such of the lands and jurisdiction of this State to the United States as may be deemed necessary for the defence of the city and port of New York, certifying that in their opinion the opening and extending Bridge Street, in the manner described in the †Resolution of this Board, of the 2d inst. will not interfere with the plans or arrangements of the United States for defensive preparations, and therefore, pursuant to the provisions of the last section of an Act of the Legislature of this State entitled "An Act authorizing the purchase [356] of an additional quantity of Ordnance and Arms and Ammunition for the use of the State and for other purposes" passed the 8th day of April 1808. approving of and sanctioning said Street.

‡Ordered that the same be filed.

A Petition of the proprietors interested, for the repavement of Water Street, between Wall and Pine Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner and the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward.

||A further Memorial of Robert Shaw for aid towards the maintenance of the illegitimate child of Robert Miller was read.

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*Marginal note reads *See P. 382.*—Ed. †Marginal note reads *See P. 348.*—Ed. ‡Marginal note reads *Filed in the Comptrollers Office.*—Ed. ||Marginal note reads *See P. 363.*—Ed.

Ordered that the Superintendant of the Alms House allow said Shaw at the rate of One dollar per week for the term of twelve months for the support of said child.

*A further Memorial of Thomas Duggan on the subject of his claim for damages for opening Canal Street, was referred to the Committee on his former Memorials, with instructions to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

A Memorial of Joseph Kaumann respecting two Slaves who accompanied their late mistress Madame Lejeune Clermont, deceased, in June last [357] from Martinique, and requesting to know whether he can be permitted to return said Slaves to their master in said island, was †referred to the Counsel of the Board for his opinion.

‡A Petition of William S. Shaw for remittance of the penalty incurred for shipping Flour contrary to Law, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

||A Petition for opening the Manhattan ville road, from Kingsbridge road to Harlem was referred to the road Committee.

§A Petition of John J. Schuyler for a Butchers stand to be kept at Greenwich in the vicinity of the State prison, was referred to the Market Committee.

¶A Communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell, requesting the sentiments of the Board; whether the Law vesting said Commissioners with "full power and authority to Superintend and direct all the internal and external business and transactions of the Alms House and Bridewell" included a power to suspend or remove from office, any officer of the Alms House, who may be incompetent to perform the duties of his office, was referred to [358] Alderman King, Miller, and M^r^ Ward.

**The Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported the valuation of the Ferry Boats as made by George Buckmaster and Walter Mitchill, to amount to Eleven hundred and Forty nine Dollars, for Six Horse Boats and Six Barges, which was confirmed.

††The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jeremiah Haley, requested to be discharged, which was granted, and the same was ‡‡referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell.

||||The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel

* Marginal note reads *See P. 327.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 382.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 439.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 377.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See Report P. 396.*—ED. ¶ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 378.*—ED. ** Marginal note reads *See P. 350.*—ED. †† Marginal note reads *See. P 328.*—ED. ‡‡ Marginal note reads *Report. P. 382.*—ED. |||| Marginal note reads *See P. 328.*—ED.

Lynde, reported against granting the prayer thereof, which was confirmed.

*The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of appointing Pavers to repair the Streets of this city, reported in favour of the same, which was confirmed.

†The Report of the Treasurer on the Petition of John Francis La Forgue Attorney of Madame Eugenie Ursule Jouet, stating that he has in his [359] hands a ballance of $.292.48. belonging to the intestate Estate of her husband Pierre Michel Magnan, dec^{d} was, together with the Petition referred to the Counsel of the Board.

The Comptroller presented the following report,

The Comptroller has the honor to present to the Board, the following list of debts due to the Corporation, Viz^{t}

Nath^{l} G. Ingraham.....	$2166.75	Amount of Principal & Interest due 15th April 1808 for Lots in Hamilton Square, exclusive of Ground rent due thereon the 1st inst.
Jacob Barker	1786.77	
Robert Bogardus	674.10	
David S. Jones.....	606.69	
John S. Hunn.....	312.97	
	$5547.28	

A note has been presented to each of the above named Gentlemen requesting payment, and repeated applications have been made by the Collector for settlement, but without effect.

Henry Hollands account for 12. years water Lot rent, payable by Cornelius C. Roosevelt as executor to the estate of Doctor Nicoll, amount due the 10th July last to $342.

Reiterated demands for payment have been made for years past, but they have proved unsuccessful.

A water lot grant standing in the name of [360] Jeremiah Brower, is payable by several Proprietors, among others by Stephen Allen, who is desirous of having a suit commenced by the Corporation against him for the amount which he owes, in order that he may have a legal claim on the person from whom he derives his title; The merits of this business might be more fully ascertained by a reference to the Attorney of the Board for his opinion, and the Steps necessary to be taken for effecting a settlement of the account.

All which is respectfully submitted.

May. 9. 1808. G. N. Bleecker. Compt^{r}

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 290.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 339. P. 382.*—ED.

Ordered that the same be referred back to the Comptroller with directions to consult with the Counsel of the Board relative thereto.

A Letter from John S. Hunn, requesting to be indulged with further time for the payment of the Ballance due by him for the purchase of his lot in Hamilton Square, was referred to the Comptroller and Counsel.

The Comptroller presented the following communication.

*The Comptroller having received information that a Tract of ground, containing about three quarters of an Acre, nearly opposite Hamilton Square, belongs to the Corporation, and has been in possession [361] of Mr Peter P. Van Zandt for a number of Years, considers it his duty to make a representation thereof to the Board: and as the time is nearly expired when the legal claim of the Corporation may become forfeited by the actual possession of the present occupant, it is respectfully recommended that this business be investigated by the Counsel or Attorney of the Board and the Street Commissioner, with instructions to report thereon as soon as possible.

May. 9. 1808 G. N. Bleecker, Comptr

Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner and Attorney.

The Comptroller reported that agreeably to the †Order of the Board of the 18th of April last, that he had advertised the Lots No 11 & No 12 Chatham Street, to be leased at Auction for Twenty One Years from the 1st inst. which Lots have been disposed of to Elbert Anderson Junr and Theodorus Bailey at public sale the 29th. April. Lot No 11. at the annual rent of $230. and Lot No 12. @ $240. per. an.

Warrant No 965

The Comptroller requested that a warrant might be issued in favour of William J. Waldron for $358.75. to pay the Clerks, Constables and Marshals attending at the late election, which was ordered accordingly.

[362] The Comptroller reported that Charles Smith, Lessee of the public wharves and Slips, offered Jonathan Dixon and James Teller as his sureties. who were approved.

‡The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on certain vacant lots, on the Assessment for regulating Second Street from Broome to Stanton Streets.

Ordered that a warrant to enforce payment be issued in favour of Lewis Angevine.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 139.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 288. 319.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 130.*—Ed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return made by *Thomas Demarest of delinquent vacant lots upon the Assessment for building a bulkhead and regulating Brannon & Spring Streets, amounting to $83.35 for which no owners can be found.

Warrant N° 963. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Thomas Demarest for that sum, to be charged against and to operate as a lien on said lots.

†The Street Commissioner represented that Messrs Stagg and Anson had not fulfilled their contract for regulating Ridge Street, and that [363] great injury was thereby sustained by the contractors for filling certain sunken lots in the vicinity.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner give notice to the said Stagg and Anson to complete their contract within four weeks from this date, or in case of default to sue for the penalty of said contract.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner prepare new Ordinances for filling the vacant Sunken lots situate on the North side of Stanton Street.

The Street Commissioner reported that $500 were due to the Carmen and Labourers employed at the Collect.

Warrant N° 964. Ordered that a warrant for that amount be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham to discharge the same.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting various Nuisances from N° 4271. to N° 4288. inclusive

Ordered that the same do pass.

The following resolution presented by Alderman Fish was passed.

Resolved that the Road Committee be [364] authorized to permit individuals to dig down hills and to remove earth from the public roads at their own expense, and in their discretion to enter into contracts for that purpose.

Warrant N° 966. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles; on account of the Building Committee, for $2000.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 3.

Henry H. Kip. vice George Dodd, resigned.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 14. P. 597. 647.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 84. Vol. 19. P. 9.*—ED.

N° 5.

Francis Peckwell, 60 Ann S^t^ v. George Youle, resigned.
Jacamiah Ackerley Jun^r^ 237. Pearl vice. W^m^ M^c^Kenney Jun^r^ d°
Nicholas B. Brower, 109. William S^t^ v. Ebenz^r^ J. White. d°
Jacob Scofield, 215. Water, v. Sam^l^ Dunbar d°

N° 23.

Robert Gilmore, vice John Edsall
John J. Rutan, v. Isaac Bogert

N° 24.

William Brower, Cabinetmaker, 41. Barclay S^t^
vice William Donaldson, d°

N° 26.

Nathaniel C. Hart Grocer, Lombard Street
vice Thomas J. Stagg. d°

[365] Floating Engine.

Isaac Williams, vice W^m^ C. Ballard, res^d^
Peter Hall " James Willett, d°
Joseph N. Lord, " Thomas R. Welsh, d°
John Chapman " Adam Helmes, d°
Elijah Guion " William Weeks, d°

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

N° 948.	William Kay, for digging Wells	$51.62
949	Estate of Corn^s^ Clopper, Interest on Bond	62.50
950	Rich^d^ Burchan, furnishing lists of Passengers	25.
951	Philip Jones, for Watchmans Caps	64.75
952	Amos Rooke, Salary for attending signal Poles	82.50
953	Isaac Loughborrow, for regulating public Clock	133.32
954	Daniel Davis, for well & pump, in Broome S^t^	33.
955	Marg^t^ Van Orden, rent for Watch House	25.
956	Samuel Rossett, Marshal, attend^e^ on Sunday	6.
957	James Bleecker, leasing lots in Chatham S^t^ at Auction	16.
958	Pierre C. Van Wyck, to defray passage of Oneida Indians	38.82
959	Jacob Straut, carting for Sup^t^ of repairs	48.
960	Joseph Boyd, d° d°	48.
961	George Youle, lead pipe for Pump in Barley S^t^	68.38
962	Beekman Van Beuren, for repairs to roads	1224.20½
963	Thos Demarest, for Assess^t^ on Lots in Brannon S^t^	83.35
964	John Bingham, on Acc^t^ of Collect	500.
965.	W^m^ J. Waldron, to pay Clerks &c^a^ attending Election	358.75
966	John H. Sickles, on acc^t^ of Building Comm^e^	2000.

[366] In Common Council May. 16. 1808.

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq[r] Recorder.

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Mess[rs] John Slidell	Assistants
Abraham King		John W. Mulligan	
Thurston Wood		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake		Thomas J. Campbell	
John Bingham		Abraham Bloodgood	
Peter Mesier		Samuel Kip	
John D. Miller		Stephen Ludlam	
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward	
		Samuel Torbert	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Common Council met at the Alms House, and visited the several Wards of that institution and of the Bridewell, which they found in decent order.

[367] A Petition of Josiah Shippey Jun[r] for additional compensation in consequence of performing extra duty as Clerk to the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell, was referred to said Commissioners.

A Petition of William J. Waldron & others for Lamps in Hester Street, west of Broadway, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

Petitions from the inhabitants in the vicinity of Hammond Street and Mott & Bayard Streets for Wells & Pumps were referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the Eighth and Sixth Wards, with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition from the inhabitants in the vicinity for permission to remove, at their own expense, a Pump at the intersection of Broadway and the Bowery, to the opposite side of the Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward, with power to grant.

*A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 30. supported by sundry inhabitants in the vicinity of its Station, setting forth the irreparable condition of said Engine, and requesting to be allowed a [368] larger one in its place, was referred to the Fire Department.

†A Petition of Samuel Barstow, agent for Mess[rs] Johnson & Stevens, Contractors for delivering Marble for the New City Hall, setting forth that in consequence of fulfilling their contract they had been reduced to Bankruptcy, and praying for further compensation, was referred to the Building Committee.

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol 19. 14.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 482.*—Ed.

A Petition of Abraham Van Gelder Collector of the Seventh Ward, stating that in consequence of attending to other pressing duties as Collector he had omitted to settle with the City Treasurer on the day fixed by Law, and praying that he may be credited with the amount of his insolvent list, was read and granted.

*A Memorial of Walter Bowne respecting a suit instituted against him for the penalty incurred for not fulfilling certain Ordinances for raising sunken lots, was referred to the Counsel, and execution was ordered to be staid until he shall report thereon.

A Petition of John Higgins requesting to lease the lot belonging to this Board at the corner of Elm Street and Catherine lane was read.

[369] †Whereupon Ordered that the Comptroller lease the same at Auction for the term of Twenty One Years from the 1st instant.

‡A Petition of Paul Williams in confinement for a debt of $75. incurred for causing David Brown, for Whom he was bail, to be apprehended and brought to this City from Philadelphia, and who was afterwards confined in the County Prison for robbery, and setting forth his extreme distress and praying for relief, was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A further Memorial of Thomas Duggan on the subject of his claim for damages for opening Canal Street, was referred to Messrs Ludlam Bloodgood Campbell Mulligan and Slidell. and the former Committee on his various petitions was discharged.

||An application of Josiah Browne, late lessee of the Flymarket Ferry, for payment of the amount of the valuation of the Ferry Boats belonging to said Ferry, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

[370] A representation of William Chevers Deputy Clerk of the Market that the ceiling of Catherine Market, required to be repaired, was referred to the Superintendant of the Market with orders to attend thereto.

A Certificate was presented by Tunis Wortman, Clerk of this City and County, that Augustus Wynkoop was returned duly elected Assessor for the First Ward, in the place of John Jacob Lansing resigned.

Ordered that the Clerk give Mr Wynkoop notice of his election, and request him to attend on the Mayor to take the Oaths of Office prescribed by law.

The Mayor presented to the Board a Copy of the Report of the

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 398.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 416.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 398.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 358.*—ED.

Commissioners under the Act of the Legislature of this State of the 3d of April 1807, entitled " An Act respecting a claim for the extension of the Eastern boundary of the State of New Jersey," which was ordered to be reposited in the Archives of this Corporation.

The following report was presented.

The Committee of ways & means

Report

That having settled their Accounts of expenditures for relieving the [371] wants of indigent and necessitous citizens in the course of the last winter, they submit a Summary of the Same for the information of the Common Council.

At the period when the duty of examining into and providing for the exigencies of their distressed fellow citizens devolved on Your Committee, neither the extent of their number nor their wants could be determined. At all events it was considered most eligible and equitable to make provision for their relief, through the Corporation, rather than by soliciting voluntary contributions In seasons of general *of general* calamity and pressure, the protection of indigence and misery is a public duty. Private charity, especially at those junctures, can never want objects for the exercise of individual benevolence.

In the distribution of the public bounty the strictest attention has been exercised to relieve the wants of the applicants with due regard to economy. Among the great multitude relieved, some impositions must, undoubtedly, have been practised but Your Committee are satisfied that, under all circumstances, these abuses have been less than could have been reasonably expected.

The total of their expenditures amounts to $14.228.83½ in which is included, besides the charges for the rations furnished at the Alms House, and the monies disbursed towards the relief of necessitous families, the expenses incurred for erecting the boilers in the Soup House and for the services of persons employed in examining into the circumstances of the applicants for relief & distributing the public bounty, and [372] also the charge for maintaining the seamen at the Navy Yard.

John Bingham, Ch.man
Jacob Mott
Jas. Drake
John Slidell
John W. Mulligan.

May. 16. 1808

Dr. THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF N YORK IN A/C WITH THEIR COMMe OF WAYS & MEANS. Cr.

1808				1808			
	To 127.865 Rations distributed at the Alms Ho @ 9 cents	11.507	85		By amt of warrants in favour of John Bingham Esqr their Treasurer	13.800	
	To Cash disbursed towards the relief of distressed families	1.591	75		By proceeds of Wheelbarrows sold Capt Whylley for Ud States service	175	
	To Sundry expenses for erecting boilers purchasing Wheelbarrows, paymt of services of persons employed &c	860	83½		By Balle recd of Mr McPherson of Cash furnished for distressed families	16	60
	To Expense for supporting Seamen at the Navy Yard	268	40		Balle due Committee	237	23½
		$14.228	83½			$14.228	83½

Warrt Nº 928.

[373] Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham for $237.24. the balle due the Committee of ways & means, and that the preceding Report be published in the papers employed by this Board.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred a *Communication from Monsr Du Buc de Marentille, on the subject of fortifying the harbour of New York by means of defence which are not in use

Report

That they have had an interview with Monsr Du Buc, and from a long conference with him are of opinion, that he is a man of education, talents and military experience: That he professes to have discovered means of defence which are not in use, and are at present unknown to any person but himself and one confidential friend, to whom he has imparted the discovery, and which, if adopted, would render this harbour completely secure against naval attack. That in addition to the advantage of affording complete security to the city, which his plan possesses over all other plans of defence which have been proposed, there would be an immense saving both of time and money; insomuch that the defence and security of the city may be [374] rendered complete and effectual by the 1st day of November next: and the expense attending the same would not amount to one fourth part of the sum which would bẽ required to complete either of the systems contemplated by the Corporation.

He further proposes to make a full disclosure of his plan and means of defence to the Corporation allowing them fourteen days for considering and examining the same, and then to decide, whether they approve of any of the said means and determine to make use of it, or them, in any form or modification whatever, in which case he is to receive the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars.

Although the Committee are unable to form any precise opinion on the merits of a plan, the particulars of which have not been made known to them, yet they are impressed with a belief that the disclosure of the means contemplated by Mr Du Buc for the defence of this and other harbours of the United States, might be a public benefit, and perhaps of essential importance to the defence and security of this City, in case of War with any maritime nation. They do not however feel themselves authorized to advise the assumption by this Board,

* Marginal note reads *See P. 328.*—ED.

of so high responsibility as the payment of the sum in question, without indemnification from the [375] Government of the United States, to whom it of right belongs, to direct and manage all measures relative to the public defence.

Under these impressions the Committee recommend the following resolution,

*Resolved, that his Honour the Mayor be requested to communicate to the Executive of the United States the proposals which have been made to this Board by Monsr Du Buc relative to the defence of this City, by means not in use, and to express the willingness of the Common Council to enter into arrangements for obtaining from him a disclosure of his plan, Provided the General Government will authorise the measure and provide for the ultimate payment of the sum which they may agree to pay for the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Nichs Fish
Jacob Mott
John W. Mulligan
Abraham King
John D. Miller.

May. 16. 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed, and the Resolution therein contained was passed accordingly.

The following report was presented.

[376] The Finance Committee having taken into consideration the †House in Chatham Street near the Arsenal occupied by John Moore and leased to him by John McLean Commissary of Military Stores, are of opinion that the rent due from said Moore, ought to be paid to the Corporation, as the ground on which the house stands was never intended to be included as part of the Arsenal Yard, Your Committee therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that John Moore pay into the Treasury of this Board all rent that may be now due and unpaid and that the Comptroller have the Building erected by John McLean valued and ‡report at the next meeting such valuation, and in case the said John McLean shall not

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 388.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 253.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See, Report P. 439.*—Ed.

comply therewith, that he have liberty to remove the said buildings within Thirty days from this date.

Abraham King
May. 16. 1808. Jas Drake
Abm Bloodgood
John Bingham
Jasper Ward.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of Lois Keefe to be continued as keeper of the Flagstaff at the Battery [377] reported in favour thereof, for the term of One Year from the 1st inst. on condition of paying a rent for the same, quarterly, at the rate of Two hundred and twenty five Dollars per. an. which was confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the †Petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Harlem, for opening a road, heretofore opened, from Manhattanville to the Postroad.

Report

That the authority of the Common Council to open or lay out roads beyond North Street, has been transferred from them to three Commissioners appointed under an Act of the Legislature, that this Board cannot interfere with their arrangements, and therefore recommend that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition,

Which is submitted.

May. 16. 1808 Nichs Fish
Saml Kip
John Slidell.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the ‡petition of John L. Bowne, praying the Board to remit the one half of 53. Barrels of Flour, which were seized by the Inspector of Flour for being shipped [378] on board the Brig Dean, contrary to Law and which had been sent to the Overseers of the Poor for the use of the Alms House, reported, that on an impartial view of the circumstances, it would be proper to return to the Petitioner the amount of said Flour at the rate of $5 per. Barl

Warrant No 979. Whereupon Ordered, that a warrant be issued in favour of John L. Bowne for $132.50.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 299.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 357.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 316.*—ED.

The following Report was presented

The Committee to whom was referred the *Communication of the Commissioners of the Alms House

That they have taken the same into consideration, and from the importance of the subject communicated, they feel themselves inadequate to decide upon the questions as set forth in the same. They therefore beg leave to return the Communication in order that the Common Council may decide upon the powers of the Commissioners.

Abraham King
Jn° D. Miller
Jasper Ward.

May. 16. 1808.

Ordered that the same lie for consideration.

The following report was presented

The Committee to whom was referred the †Communication of the Street Commissioner [379] respecting the accounts of Mr Page, Mr Ackerman & Mr Stagg, as Collectors of Assessments, in part report

That the accounts with Mr Page have been adjusted, and it appears that he is indebted in the following sums,

On the Assessment for opening the upper part of Broadway.....	$187. 9
On the Assessment for regulating Broadway, Prince to Jones Streets	149.38
On the Assessment for a drain in Roosevelt Street.....	45.18
On the Assesst for regulating Cherry St.....	189.46
and for pavement before his House in Greenwich Street.....	25.76
Making a total sum of.....	$596.87

The Committee have investigated the subject and are of opinion that the Common Council ought to assume the above sum and secure the same by a ‡Mortgage on a house Mr Page owns in Greenwich Street, valued by him @ $2000. built upon a lease of 55 years free of ground rent, and upon which there is now a Mortgage of 900 Dollars principal, with $63. interest due thereon. Mr Page has proposed to sell his right in the said house to the Corporation for the aforesaid sum, but the Committee are of opinion, that it would be most adviseable to receive the mortgage.

[380] If the Board adopt this plan of settling Mr Page's affairs, and it seems the only reasonable one that he can offer, they will have to issue their warrants on the Treasury for the following demands upon the above mentioned assessments Vizt

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 357.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 193.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 459.*—ED.

To Reveau & Todd, Cherry St balle	$105.84
Gabriel Furman do do	214.63
Assessors, do do do	52.88
Andrew Morrell, Roosevelt, do	118.83
Samuel Stillwell, Broadway do	15.60
William Dustan, Assesst in Greenwich St	25.76
Making a total sum of	$533.54

The Corporation will have to receive in discharge of these Sums as follows

On the return for Cherry Street	183.89
do do Broadway	177.39
do do Roosevelt	73.65
Amounting to	$434.93

besides the money that will become due from Mr Page upon the bond and mortgage.

All which is submitted.
Thurston Wood
Thos J. Campbell

May. 16. 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that warrants be issued in favour of

Warrants
No 982 Reveau & Todd ..... for $105.84
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Warrants having been issued in favour of the *other persons the 18th April last.

[381] The following report was presented.

†The Committee appointed to meet with the Committee of Tammany Society or Columbian Order beg leave to

Report

That Wednesday the 25th inst have been selected for the purpose of depositing the remains of our unfortunate Countrymen, who perished on board the Jersey prison ship during our revolutionary war with Great Britain, in the Vault lately built for that purpose near the Wallabout, by that Society. The Committee feeling the importance and solemnity of the undertaking recommend the tolling of the Bells in this city and that such quantity of powder be furnished as will be

* Marginal note reads *See P. 316.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 268.*—ED.

only become a partial benefit, and has given his reasons against it, which are submitted for the consideration of the Board.

All which is submitted.

May. 16. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction of nuisances from Nº 4289 to 4295. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Alderman Mesier offered the following resolution, which was passed.

*Resolved that if the proprietors of the Piers below Coenties Slip will execute the deed of cession as stated in the report of the Committee appointed on this subject, and loan the Corporation at six per cent a sum of money sufficient to build the piers also mentioned in said report [386] for eighteen months, that then the Corporation will, within Thirty days, commence building said Piers.

Warrant Nº 980. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of the Superintendant of the Alms House for $2000.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies

Nº 14

George Sinclair, Stationer, Broadway, vice Jacob Brower, removed.

Nº 17

John Higby, Grocer, James St v. Eldad Holmes, resd

William Miller, Ship Carpenter, 137. Lombard St vice, Abraham Thomas, decd

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 967	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$276.36
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Nº 976	[387] H. C. Southwick, for printing.....	$52.
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The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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[389] War Department, May 20. 1808

Sir

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Mr Du Buc has made communications to the President of the United States and to this department relative to a system of defence: &ca The conditions on which Mr Du Buc proposed divulging his secret system of defence which were as well as I am able to recollect, that he was to receive $50.000. with such additional sum as Congress might afterwards be pleased to grant; being of so unusual and extraordinary a nature, as to bar any further correspondence with him on the subject

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much importance as to entitle him to such a sum as he may ultimately demand, I will agree on the part of the government of the United States, that no use shall be made of his proposed system or any communication relative thereto made public without his consent. The president of the United States could not consider himself authorized to enter into any agreement that would or might involve a payment of fifty or sixty thousand [390] dollars, without being specially authorised by Congress.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Your Ob. Servant

Dewitt Clinton Esq. H. Dearborn.

*Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Defence.

A Report from the Police Office, that Captain Snow had suspended George Reemer for sleeping on his post was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of William Bruce for a modification of the †terms of his Water grant, in Hudson river, was ‡referred to the Finance Committee.

||A Petition of Thomas M^cGrath and others, inhabitants of Manhattanville and the vicinity, praying that a Ferry may be established between that place and New Jersey, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

§A Petition of Jacob Barker and others representing that the road on the South side of Hamilton Square is impassable, and praying that the same may be repaired, was referred to the Road Committee.

¶A Petition of Walter Bowne and others praying that Albany Avenue, North of Steuben Street on Inclenberg may be opened, was [391] referred to the same Committee.

**A Petition of Samuel Jones and others for the opening of Hudson Street, from Charlton to Christopher Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William Vonck for the stand N^o 32. Hudson Market, was referred to the Market Committee, who forthwith reported in favour of granting the prayer of the Petitioner.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A Petition of Blaze Ten Brook to be allowed a vacant Stall in Hudson market, was referred to the Market Committee.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 454.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 378.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 19. P. 24.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report Vol 19. P. 120.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See, Report P. 457.*—ED. ¶ Marginal note reads *See Report P 457.*—ED. ** Marginal note reads *See, Report P. 416.*—ED.

*A Petition of Messrs Hulsart & Stagg for payment of the ballances due them for regulating Stanton, Attorney and Sixth Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a well and pump in Jones Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th. Ward, with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Lamp, at the corner of Water Street and George Slip, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

[392] Applications of Doctor Torbert to be permitted to erect a vault in Harman Street, and of Peter Hoffmire, to erect a vault for Michael Little, in Greenwich Street, between Beach and North Moore Streets, were granted under the inspection of the Street Commissioner.

†Petitions of Joseph Tomkins and Daniel Van horne for remission of penalties incurred for shipping flour contrary to law, were referred to Aldermen Mesier, Drake, and Mr Ludlam.

A Remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the Second Ward, against the practice of dusting carpets in the public Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of said Ward.

A Memorial of David Joslin, acting as Marshal for the preservation of the public peace on the Battery, setting forth that many persons were in the practice of turning Cows upon the Battery, and dusting Carpets and drying clothes thereon, to the great annoyance of the public convenience, was read, Whereupon

Resolved that the persons entrusted with the care and keeping of the Park and Battery take proper measures to prevent Cows and other [393] Animals from being in the same: and also that they prevent the spreading of clothes and dusting of Carpets therein, and that they immediately remove from those grounds any persons or Animals, intruding contrary hereto; and generally that they immediately remove any objects or persons which injure said grounds or are offensive to public order and decency therein.

An Application of Seth R. Kneeland and others, appointed, exclusively, ‡Measurers of Lumber, by this Board, requesting that an order may be passed for sending notices to those persons that have not been continued as Measurers of Lumber, was read.

Ordered that the Clerk send notices accordingly.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 421.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 417.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 261.*—Ed.

A Memorial of Jonas Humbert and others, Bakers, stating the insufficient supply of Southern Flour at present in this city, and the impracticability of obtaining further supplies, in consequence of the existing Embargo law, and requesting the interposition of this Board, was referred to Alderman Mesier Drake and Mr Ludlam.

[394] *The Report of the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell on the Petition of Jeremiah Haley, was †referred to Alderman Mesier, Drake and Mr Ludlam.

A Memorial of the Stone Cutters employed at the New City Hall, praying that their wages may be increased was read, whereupon

Ordered that they be allowed at the rate of One dollar and twenty five cents per day from this date.

The Mayor presented to the Board a letter to him from the Governor on the subject of ceding to the State the reversion of the fee of a Five Acre Lot adjoining the Lot which he contemplates purchasing for the site of a Powder Magazine, which was referred to Alderman Mott and Mr Slidell. who forthwith reported in favour of making said cession; which report was ‡referred back to the same Committee and Mr Bloodgood and the Comptroller with power to confer with the Governor, in the recess of this Board, and agree upon the terms [395] for ceding said ground, or any other ground belonging to this Board, not exceeding Ten Acres, as in their judgment may be most conducive to the public interest.

A remonstrance of the inhabitants in the neighbourhood setting forth the offensive state of the Street at the foot of Beekman Slip, in consequence of the late high tides, was referred to the Superintendant of Streets with order to remove the cause of complaint forthwith.

||Alderman Mesier presented a deed of cession from the Proprietors of Water Lots, between Coenties and Exchange Slips, which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers and the Counsel of the Board, with instructions that in case said Deed shall appear satisfactory, that the Street Commissioner be authorized to advertise for proposals to build Piers agreeably to the report of said Committee.

The Market Committee reported in favour of permitting §John J. Schuyler to establish a Butchers stand at Greenwich in the vicinity of the State prison, which was confirmed.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 382.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 417.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 410.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 335. 385. 415. 443.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See P. 357.*—ED.

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee, appointed to confer with the Committee of Tammany Society, beg leave to recommend the following resolutions:

[396] Whereas a respectful application hath been made to the Common Council by a Committee of the Tammany Society or Columbian Order inviting the concurrence and co-operation of this Board in the plan of arrangements for interring the remains of the American Prisoners who perished on board the Jersey Prison Ship at the Wallabout during the revolution. And whereas the Common Council do conceive this undertaking to be highly laudable and patriotic, and that the due execution of it is a public and national duty: And Whereas the interment is to take place on Wednesday the 25th. inst. Therefore

Resolved that this Board do recommend that the citizens do observe the same day in as respectful a manner as may be, consistent with their avocations, and that, as far as may be convenient, they do unite in setting the same apart, to the commemoration of our brave but unfortunate countrymen, who perished on board of the British prison ships during the revolutionary war, and the interment of their remains.

Resolved that it be recommended that the different Church bells and the bells on board the Ships in the harbour, be tolled seventeen minutes to commence at Sunrise on [397] said day and also during the procession.

Resolved that it be recommended that the colors of the different vessels in the port be hoisted, halfmast, during the said day.

Resolved that this Board will attend the procession which is to take place on the said day.

Resolved that the lessee of the public wharves and Slips and the Ferry Masters be and are hereby requested to cause all boats and vessels of every description, except ferry boats, to be removed from the Slips at the end of the Flymarket and Catherine Market.

Abraham King
May 23d 1808 Abm Bloodgood
Jno D. Miller.

Ordered that the same be confirmed: and that the Committee provide suitable accommodations for the passage of the Members of this Board to Brooklyne, on the day of the procession

A Motion by Mr Mulligan seconded by Alderman Hopkins for reconsidering the preceding resolutions, was lost.

†The Counsel on the Petition of John Francis La Forgue, Attorney

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 268.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 382. 406.*—ED.

of Madame Eugene Ursule Jouet, reported that on a further investi- [398] gation he was of opinion that as further testimony might be adduced of the claims of the constituents upon the Corporation, and it not appearing with sufficient certainty what portion of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer ought to be paid over to Mr La Forgue as the Attorney aforesaid, it would be adviseable that the Petitioner should have leave to withdraw his Petition, and that a power of Attorney more peculiarly adapted to the case of his constituents and other claimants, if there be such, should be preferred: which was confirmed.

The Counsel to whom was referred the *petition of Walter Bowne, reported that after the best reflection he had been able to give the subject he was of opinion that the Memorialist ought to be exonerated from the judgments, upon condition of indemnifying the Corporation from all costs and charges, and paying a prompt attention to whatever Ordinances the lots may now be subject to.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and the penalties of the Ordinances be remitted on payment of costs and the City Inspector certifying that the Ordinances have been fulfilled.

The Attorney to whom was referred the †Petition of Paul Williams reported that he could discover no reason for the interposition of the [399] Board, and recommended that the Petition be dismissed, which was confirmed.

‡The Comptroller reported an award of Henry Brevoort and John Craig Arbitrators to settle with William Ovutt for the damages sustained by him by the surrender of that portion of Old Pottersfield, ceded by this Board to the United States for an Arsenal, for which he has an unexpired lease for the term of two years, together with the Bond of said Ovutt to abide by the Arbitration; which was confirmed, and ordered to be filed with the Comptroller.

The Comptroller represented that a ballance of $71.50. remained due to the Clerks Constables and Marshals attending the late election. Warrt Ordered that a Warrant for that amount be issued in favour
No 993. of William J. Waldron to discharge the same.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

||The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent, that when the profiles of Brannon and Spring Streets were laid down, it was contemplated to continue McDougal Street more Southerly, and the

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 368.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See. P. 369.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 341.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 415.*—ED.

ground was left much higher to meet this contingency than is necessary or [400] convenient in the present State of the Streets in that quarter.

That several buildings are about to be erected at the northwesterly corner of Spring and M^cDougal Streets, and that it would be adviseable, previously, to amend the Street by giving it a less descent from M^cDougal to Sullivan Streets. This can be done by carrying the highest point 75 feet westerly of M^cDougal Street, instead of leaving it in the centre of that Street, without any damage, as no buildings will be affected by the alteration, all which is designated by lines upon the profile, herewith presented, made by Charles Loss, dated 10^th^ inst.

The Street Commissioner therefore recommends, That Spring Street be regulated from the westerly kennel of Varick Street with an ascent of One and three quarters of an inch on ten feet, to a point Seventy five feet westerly of the westerly line of M^cDougal Street: thence with a regular descent of about two and half inches on ten feet, to a point One foot three inches below the floor of the dwelling house now erected on the Northeasterly corner of Spring and Sullivan Streets.

All which is respectfully submitted

May. 23. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the eighth Ward.

[401] The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

*The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board, that M^r^ Bowrowson is building upon a gore of land belonging to him on the westerly side of Sullivan Street, and upon ground which will be required for the continuation of a Street long since laid out by the Corporation of Trinity Church.

Without previously knowing that a Street would pass through that ground, he began and laid a foundation, but he has, since that work was done, been repeatedly advised that if he built there his house would be removed, a great part of the expense of which would be assessed upon him.

M^r^ Bowrowson called on the subscriber on Saturday and stated that unless he was indemnified for the expense of removing his house, and the Corporation immediately directed the Street to be opened, he would go on with his building.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 440. Vol. 19. 38.*—ED.

The inclosed letter from Mr Barrow received this morning, with the Map accompanying this communication will show the necessity of doing something immediately.

The Street Commissioner therefore recommends the following resolution.

[402] Resolved that the Street Commissioner take order for opening a Street Sixty feet in width parallel to and one hundred and seventy five feet south of Spring Street, from Varick Street to Sullivan Street, through the grounds belonging to the Corporation of Trinity Church and the grounds belonging to Anthony Bowrowson.

Which is respectfully submitted.

May. 23d 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for repaving the carriage way of Water Street between Wall and Pine Streets, and laying the necessary Curb stone, which was passed, and Thomas Storm Samuel Tooker John Suydam Isaac Sebring and Samuel Lockman were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner represented that $600 were due the Labourers employed at the Collect.

Warrant N° 994. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham for that amount to discharge the same.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nui- [403] sances from N° 4296 to N° 4305. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Mayor was authorized to remit at this juncture, that portion of the tavern & Excise licences fees due to this Board, to such persons, in humble circumstances, as he may judge proper.

Ordered that the Watch Committee report on the propriety of reducing the City Water

Ordered that the Committee of repairs examine into the condition of the roof of the Alms House, and direct the requisite repairs

Ordered that the Comptroller settle with *Josiah Brown the ballance due him for the valuation of the Boats belonging to the Fly market Ferry, deducting the amount of rent due by him on account of his lease of said Ferry

Ordered that the Keeper of the Bridewell receive disorderly persons, apprehended by the peace Officers, until they shall be examined by the Magistrates.

* Marginal note reads *See Warrant N° 1001, P. 431.*—Ed.

*An Application of Anthony Smith for payment of the expenses of the Inspectors of Election for the Ninth Ward, was referred to the Comptroller.

[404] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 6.

George Davidson, vice Benjamin Dickemon; res^d
Albert Hopper, v. John T. Henderson. d°

Hook & Ladder C° N° 2.

Cornelius Brinckerhoof, Shoemaker, 25. James S^t v. William Russel, removed.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

N° 984.	Nicholas Devoue, carting manure for the Orphan Asylum...	$191.50
985.	Manhattan Company, for supplying water.....	525.
986.	James Wood, for Ironmongery for Sup^t repairs.....	62.15
987	Garrit N. Bleecker, Comptroller, Salary.....	250.
988.	Evening Post, for Subscription.....	37.50
989	Joseph Burjeau, for Marshals, for Sunday service.....	10.50
990	John R. Ross, for attendance on Sunday.....	8.
991	Daniel Davis, for repairs to Pumps.....	30.
992	James Horner, d° Wells.....	44.65
993	William J. Waldron, balle for Clerks &c^a attending Election	71.50
994	John Bingham Esq^r on acc^t of Collect.....	600.

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Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire. Mayor.

Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John Slidell	Assistants.
James Drake		John W. Mulligan	
Nicholas Fish		Simon Van Antwerp	
Thurston Wood		Abraham Bloodgood	
Abraham King		Thomas J. Campbell	
Peter Mesier		Stephen Ludlam	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Samuel Torbert	
John Bingham.		Jasper Ward.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports from the Police Office that Captain Darling had suspended. Isaac Marsh William Morgan Watchmen and James Frost substitute for sleeping on their posts. [406] and that Captain Lawrence had also suspended Henry King, for the like offence, were referred to the Watch Committee.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 418.*—Ed.

A further Memorial of *John Francis La Forgue, Attorney of Madame Ursule Jouette on the subject of her claim for the amt of the intestate Estate of the Widow Ursule Jouette decd was read.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $146.24. being one half of the amount of †$292.48. paid into the Treasury belonging to the intestate estate aforesaid, on his giving a bond of indemnification to this Board, against any future claim, to be approved by the Comptroller.

Warrant No° 1009.

‡A Communication from John Lawrence in behalf of himself and Rufus King, on the Subject of the Award for exchanging ground at the corner of Elm and Leonard Streets was referred to the Arbitrators on said award.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the Vicinity for continuing the pavement of White Street from Church Street to Broadway was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th. Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of Ebenezer Stevens and others setting forth that several Warehouses [407] in Front Street, between Beekman and Peck Slips, have, within the space of one month, been broken open and robbed, and requesting that an extra watch may be stationed within said neighbourhood, was referred to the Watch Committee with power to grant said request, if in their judgment it shall appear expedient.

||A further Memorial of Walter Bowne on the subject of the suits recovered against him for the penalties for not fulfilling certain Ordinances for raising sunken lots, requesting to be heard before a Committee of the Common Council; was referred to Alderman King, Hopkins, and Bingham.

§A Memorial of sundry inhabitants of the 7th. Ward and Fire Engine Company N° 22 requesting that the large Fire Engine now building may be assigned to said Company and that their present Engine may be transferred to N° 30. was referred to the Fire Department.

¶An application of Jacob and Thomas Walden to purchase the lease lot adjoining the fee lot sold to John Tom, situate on the West road or Albany Avenue, was referred to the Finance Committee.

[408] A Petition of William Robb, to be appointed Measurer, or for any other office, was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 339.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See. P. 358.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 58. 465.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 468.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 19. P. 14.*—Ed. ¶ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 437.*—Ed.

An application of Joseph Mangin, late City Surveyor to be appointed one of the Surveyors for this island was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of John Sayles and others buyers and sellers of timber, praying that Jeremiah Marshal and Thomas Brown may be reappointed Measurers of Lumber, was referred to the same Committee.

A Memorial of Henry Crum and John Pain, Inspectors of Firewood, praying that their Inspection districts may be equalized, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 3d Ward.

*A Petition of James Gillespie to be relieved from the penalty incurred for shipping Flour contrary to law, was referred to Alderman Mesier, Drake, and Mr Ludlam.

†An Application of White Matlack and others for opening and improving Hudson Street as far as Christopher Street, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

[409] An Application of Elbert Anderson Junr representing that he was hindered in taking possession of the Lots purchased by him in Chatham Street, by the tenants claiming under Carey Ludlow, former lessee, and praying that he may be put in possession of the premises by the 1st day of August next, was referred to the Comptroller and Attorney.

‡A further Memorial of the inhabitants of Stone Street on the subject of widening the same by an addition of about four feet at the entrance from Broad Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner with instructions to confer with the proprietors who may be affected thereby.

Thomas Duggan requested leave to withdraw his several petitions relating to his claim for damages for opening Canal Street, which was granted, and the Committee to whom the same were referred was discharged

A further Memorial from him, relating to the same subject, was ordered to lie on the table.

A Petition of John B. Wilse and others praying that two piers may be built in the East river at Stanton and Rivington Streets was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and piers.

[410] A Petition of Hugh Cusack stating his distressed situation

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 469.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 416.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 12.*—ED.

and applying for relief was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell.

The following report was presented

*The Committee appointed to confer with His Excellency the Governor, on such ground as he may fix on for the purpose of erecting a Powder Magazine for the State of New York

Report

That they have sold to the State all the right of this Board, in the Lots of land purchased by Adam Fink, bounded on Manhattan Avenue, commonly called the Common lands: N° 103. subject to a rent of Ten Dollars per an. for Twenty years from the 1st May 1803 and Lot N° 102. subject to a quit rent of 4. Bushels of Wheat forever.

The above lots of land have been sold for the sum of Seven hundred Dollars, to be paid to this Corporation on delivery of a good and sufficient title from them to the people of the State of New York:

Jacob Mott
May 30. 1808 John Slidell
Abm Bloodgood.

[411] Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a deed be executed accordingly under the Seal of this Corporation.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the †application of John Jacob Astor respecting his water grants on the Hudson river, between the improvements of Mr Ritter and the State Prison, having taken into consideration the present mode of issuing grants from time to time without any uniform system, are induced to make the following

Report;

The circumstance of charging the same price between high and low water, whether the distance is great or little, has been so much fixed by custom that the impropriety of it has in a great measure been overlooked until a Committee of last year established a more equitable plan at Corlaers Hook, by considering 100 feet as a data for low water. It will be found that this custom is very unjust and unequal if a calculation is made in an extreme case; for the grantees who bound a bold shore will not only have to pay as much for a small distance as those bounded by a flat, a great depth into the river, but they will be at a greater expense in sinking their bulkheads, and will, notwithstand-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 394.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 315.*—ED.

[412] ing be charged in the second grant, commencing at low water a greater sum for that grant in consideration of the greater depth, they will require to bring them to the termination of the Second grants.

It is therefore reasonable to adhere to the principle laid down by the Committee for the grants at Corlaers Hook.

With respect to the abovementioned grants to be issued on the Hudson, these considerations ought to have some weight:

1st That an immense expense must be sunk in filling up the low grounds between the House late of Col. Burr and Greenwich Street.

2d That it will be many years before the water lots can be productive, because there are no buildings to draw trade.

3d That the property decreases rapidly in value as it recedes from the improved parts of the town: and

4th That the quits on the Hudson, the same distance from the compact settlements, are much higher, as they now stand, than those upon the East river.

It therefore follows that it is proper to liquidate the rates of quit in such manner as to promote equal justice, and in order to do this we have data at the two extremes, namely, the rents [413] charged to Mr Ritter and the rents charged to Mr Gidney above the State prison.

It will be found upon calculation that Mr Ritter pays about 30 cents pr foot for a depth of 100 feet between high and low water mark, and Mr Gidney 20 Cents for the same distance being a difference of 10 cents pr foot which will average deductions of one cent pr foot successively upon each block, as it is more remote from the interior.

From the above premises the following Scale is produced upon the first grant.

Block between	Charlton & King Streets	29.	cents
" "	King and Hammersley	28.	"
" "	Hammersley & Clarkson	27.	"
" "	Clarkson & Leroy	26.	"
" "	Leroy & Morton	25.	"
" "	Morton & Barrow	24.	"
" "	Barrow & Christopher	23.	"
" opposite	the State prison	22.	"
" between	State prison & Hammond St	21.	"

As the same reasons will apply to the second grant, the same scale would be proper: taking Mr Ritter's quit, being 37½ cents for 200 feet as one extreme and 18. cents for Mr Gidney as the other, which last

is 50 p^{r} cent more than is paid at Corlaers Hook, it follows therefore that the rates for the second grant will be as stated below.

[414]	Cents
Block between Charlton & King Streets	36. p^{r} foot
" " King & Hammersley	34. "
" " Hammersley & Clarkson	32. "
" " Clarkson & Leroy	30. "
" " Leroy & Morton	28. "
" " Morton & Barrow	26. "
" " Barrow & Christopher	24. "
" opposite State Prison	22. "
" between State prison & Hammond	20. "

While your Committee believe that the above scales will be a fair price with respect to the Corporation and not oppressive to the proprietors, they still cherish the idea that it will be adviseable to increase the rents ultimately to the uniform sum of One dollar and twenty five cents p^{r} foot throughout, but they are of opinion that this increase ought not to take place for a considerable time: And they therefore recommend that all the grants to be issued on the Hudson river, between M^{r} Ritters and M^{r} Gidney's aforesaid be issued according to the above scales: that the first period be thirty years from the 1st of May instant and the second period be twenty years: and that M^{r} Astor receive his grants upon the principles above mentioned.

Abraham King
Ja^{s} Drake
May. 30. 1808. John Bingham
Jasper Ward
Ab^{m} Bloodgood.

[415] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Committee of wharves Slip and Piers Report

Plans for carrying out *piers at the Exchange and Coenties Slips and at the lower end of Jay Street; and the Committee recommend that the Street Commissioner advertise for proposals for building the piers at Exchange and Coenties Slips, to be delivered in on the 15th of June next, previous to which time it is expected the necessary cession of the waters will be made.

†The Committee believe it to be necessary that an Ordinance be

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 395.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 442.*—ED.

passed by this Board to direct the Pier at the lower end of Jay Street to be sunk and they recommend that the Street Commissioner present the draft of such Ordinance on Monday next.

Jas Drake
May. 30. 1808. Jacob Mott
Abraham King

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the *report of the Street Commissioner,

[416] Report

That they have viewed the premises and consulted the persons interested in the premises and recommend that the regulation withinmentioned be adopted.

Thurston Wood
May. 30. 1808. Jasper Ward.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was presented.

†The Committee to whom was referred the petitions from the inhabitants of Hudson Street and the inhabitants of the Village of Greenwich,

Report

That they have viewed the premises and are fully of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and that Hudson Street should be opened immediately: The Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Thurston Wood
May 30th 1808. Jasper Ward.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures for opening Hudson Street from Charlton Street, formerly Hetty, to Christopher Street.

Ordered that the same be passed.

[417] The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of ‡Daniel Vanhorne praying for the reimbursement of a fine imposed by the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 399.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See, P. 391. 408. 441.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 392.*—Ed.

Inspector for light weight on flour, of *Jeremiah Haley and †Joseph Tomkins for the relief of forfeitures of Flour, beg leave to

Report

That in their opinion the request of Daniel Vanhorne and of Jeremiah Haley ought not to be granted.

But that the Flour of Joseph Tomkins and others ought to be returned, and recommend that a Warrant for $26. be issued to said Tomkins and others being the price given for the 4 Bbs of Wheat and the 3 Barrels of Rye flour which were delivered at the Alms house.

Peter Mesier
May. 30, 1808. Jas Drake
Stepn Ludlam.

Warrant Nº 1010. Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a warrant be issued in favour of Joseph Tomkins accordingly.

[418] The Attorney informed the Board that Samuel Jones Junr had served him with a declaration in the suit of Peter Schermerhorn against the Corporation for filling up the Collect and causing the waters thereof to overflow his ropewalk: and requested the direction of the Board whether he should appear and plead to the declaration, without putting the Plaintiff to the necessity of suing out an original writ.

Ordered that the Attorney confer with the Counsel and adopt such measures as may appear necessary to defend the suit.

‡The Comptroller reported that agreeably to the order of the Board, of the 16th inst. he had sold, at public auction, to John Higgins, the lease of the lot of ground at the corner of Elm Street and Catherine lane for 21. years from the 1st inst. at the annual rent of Ninety five Dollars.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

The Comptroller respectfully reports on the account of ||Anthony Smith for expenses incurred by the Inspectors of the 9th Ward at the last election:

It is not known that any law or resolution exists for the payment of such bills, [419] for which reason the Comptroller has not considered himself justifiable in auditing any accounts of this nature. But as it would be proper to establish some uniform rule, and as the expenses for which the Inspectors of Elections are from time to time liable, and which the Corporation may think it equitable to assume, ought to be

* Marginal note reads *See P. 394.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 392.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 369.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 403.*—Ed.

fixed at a certain rate; it is therefore submitted to the direction of the Board to determine whether any and what compensation ought to be allowed the Inspectors of Election to defray their expenses, and from what time said allowance should commence.

respectfully submitted.

May. 30. 1808. G. N. Bleecker.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Comptroller presented the following communication.

The Comptroller takes leave to solicit the attention of the Board to the following subject.

The dispersed situation of the property belonging to the Corporation, and the very imperfect information which he has been able to obtain of the sites and boundaries thereof, have caused frequent inconveniences when application has been made at the Office to ascertain various [420] particulars relative to public property. A remedy for this great defect, must, at first view, appear to be very desireable, and as a complete knowledge of the various positions of real estate under the control of the Corporation, will not only be absolutely necessary for the facility of public business at the present day, but also may be extremely useful and valuable at a remote period of time; the Comptroller would beg the liberty of earnestly pressing on the Board their attention to this matter, and respectfully submits for their approbation the following.

That the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be authorized to procure suitable registers or Field books wherein to insert Maps and descriptions of all the lands, plots of ground Wharves, Docks and Slips and Ferries belonging to the Corporation, whether under lease or otherwise, designating their boundaries and such other circumstances attending them, as may give a full view of all the Corporate estate.

Connected with this subject the Comptroller respectfully recommends, that the Street Commissioner be empowered to procure a Map and description of all the property bounded by water within the jurisdiction of this Board, South of the line of the Commissioners designating such parts as are now occupied by docks or wharves, and for which no grant has been obtained.

An attention to this is of great import- [421] ance, to the fiscal concerns of the Corporation, as there is reason to believe that many

persons have improved the soil under water adjoining their lots of land who have never taken up grants for the same.

All which is respectfully submitted

May. 30. 1808. G. N. Bleecker. Compt^r

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Comptroller presented an account of Samuel Doughty for shingles delivered to Cornelius Warner, former Superintendant of repairs Aug^t 29. 1806. amounting to $26.40.

Warr^t N° 1011. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Samuel Doughty for that amount.

The Treasurer reported a statement of his accounts, which was ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the *petition of Mess^rs Hulsart & Stagg respecting the ballance due them upon Stanton, Attorney and Sixth Streets, has the honour to

Report

That the statement exhibited by the petitioners is substantially correct as far as it respects the sums of money now due.

[422] That these sums are to be obtained from the assessments heretofore put into the hands of John Bussing to collect, which have been all ballanced and the account rendered to the Board eight or nine months since. This account has been, by the Board, referred to a †Committee, upon whose report the means of paying Mess^rs Hulsart and Stagg will rest.

The Street Commissioner is anxiously waiting such report as it is otherwise impossible for him to adjust the numerous claims upon him for balances due upon the assessments of Bussing, many of which have been due to persons who cannot afford to lay out of the money for nearly three years.

All which is respectfully submitted.

May 30. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the former Committee on the accounts of John Bussing. Mess^rs Mulligan, Ludlam, and Ald. Mott.

‡The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner covers an Assessment for opening Cross Street North of Magazine Street as revised and corrected by the [423] Assessors to whom it has been returned for that purpose.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 391. 450.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 17. P. 334.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 452.*—ED.

The Street Commissioner finds a few alterations have been made in this assessment by altering the names of sundry persons improperly included, but that no material change has been attended to with respect to the principle upon which this assessment ought to be founded. The Street Commissioner cannot omit to draw the attention of the board seriously to the following circumstances in relation to the assessment.

George Janeway owned all the ground from Chamber Street to Magazine Street through which he thought proper to open Cross Street. Certain lots bounded upon Cross Street he leased and others sold. Upon attempting to pave part of Cross Street it is well known to most of the gentlemen of the Board that Mr Janeway put in his claim to that street, and after a full investigation by the Attorney of the Board to whom the subject had been referred, it was agreed, that Mr Janeway's right was complete and that it would be adviseable and necessary to extinguish his claim by purchase and arbitrators were reciprocally chosen for that purpose.

In order that the arbitrators should have a full view of the matter a survey and map of the ground, for which Mr Janeway demanded compensation was directed to be made.

[424] Mr Janeway, however, when the map was nearly completed, directed the surveyor to take in an additional piece of ground, being also part of Cross Street, and for which until then, it was not understood he laid claim for compensation. This addition to the area of ground to be valued was objected to as improper and unjust as Mr Janeway had sold ground to the Manhattan Company bounded by it under the name of Cross Street.

Mr Janeway then claimed the whole of Cross Street as unceded, and that he had an equal right to shut every part of it up, as he had the ground above mentioned; "but agreed, that in case he was not "assessed for opening Cross Street north of Magazine Street and "was allowed for the area directed by him to be included in the map, "that he would cede the residue of Cross Street through his ground "gratis."

The Street Commissioner has the honour further to state to the Board, that he was invited and attended the assessors to give them the necessary explanation respecting this subject and that he did in an explicit manner inform them of the abovementioned agreement with Mr Janeway, but they have thought proper to make no alteration in their assessment on that account.

The consequence of confirming the assessment as it now stands are these: That [425] the Corporation will be obliged to pay all Mr Janeway's portion of the assessment, to obtain a cession of the residue of Cross Street or be compelled to purchase the same from him, in which latter case, an assessment very heavy and more than the surrounding property will bear must be laid, and upon that portion of the ground North of Magazine Street, which it was conjectured would, under the agreement with Mr Janeway be charged with the whole of this assessment. The additional burthen such an act would create is incalculable and which it is the particular province of the Common Council to prevent or at least to lessen.

Which is respectfully submitted

May. 30. 1808. John. S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Drake Mr Ludlam and Ald. Mesier.

*The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for opening Cross Street opposite the Manhattan works as the same has been revised by the Assessors.

Ordered that the same be advertised in the papers employed by this Board, under the inspection of the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward.

[426] The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner has the honour to state to the Board, that the Collector of an assessment for opening Varick Street between Brannon and Budd Streets was, last Spring, directed to stop his collection by Mr Bogardus, then of the Common Council, said to be by direction of the Board. That this order has, if ever given, never been reversed, and the said assessment lies in an unfinished State.

The Street Commissioner further states that the money to be collected upon that Street is payable to the Corporation Treasury, and that 4 or 5000 Dollars ought to be procured from that Source: and he therefore recommends that the Collector be directed to proceed immediately to collect the money due upon that assessment.

Which is respectfully submitted.

May. 30. 1808. John S. Hunn.

†Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward.

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* Marginal note reads *See, P. 453.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 440.*—ED.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner has been repeatedly applied to by Mr Catlin in behalf of Mrs Duryee for a payment upon a bond given to [427] her for ground to open Amity Street. The collection of money upon that Assessment, it is well known to the board, has been by various and imperious circumstances retarded, and unless the Common Council take upon themselves to deduct, at least one fourth, of the amount to reduce the assessment to a reasonable sum, it will be impossible to collect the money. Mrs Duryee, however, is entitled to some relief. The Bond was given to her at the same time that another bond was given to Doctor Van Solingen for the same purpose, but for more than three times as much as hers. The whole of the Bond given to the Doctor has been advanced by the Corporation some time since and nothing paid to Mr Duryee. It is true that there is part of her bond to be deducted for an Assessment upon her property adjoining the street: but there is a considerable surplus due her, and she has consented that she will deduct the assessment when liquidated. The Street Commissioner, under these circumstances recommends that a warrant be directed to issue in her favour for Fifteen hundred Dollars in part of the said bond.

Which is respectfully submitted.

May. 30. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward:

[428] The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner has been repeatedly applied to by individuals and lately requested by the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward to direct the removal of incumbrances from the several streets west of Greenwich Street and North of Duane Street, which have been a long time in that situation, and particularly North Moore Street but that in his opinion it would be useless so to do with many of them unless the several proprietors were directed to fill up the sunken parts of those streets, which are in many places so low that the pavement in Greenwich street has sunken the width of the walks, and is daily growing worse.

With respect to North Moore Street, the Street Commissioner has to remark, that it has been shamefully incumbered for a long time by Mr McKie with large timber, and is now nearly impassable. That Mr McKie has had a water grant for several years with directions to make half of North Moore Street, but that he has hitherto neglected to

do it, much to the disadvantage of his opposite neighbours, who have long since filled their portion of the Street, and to the injury of the public: and that he will not regulate the street, unless compelled by a special order.

[429] The Street Commissioner submits to the Board whether it is not therefore adviseable to pass orders similar to the following.

Ordered, that John McKie be and he is hereby required to cause North Moore Street to be filled up and regulated with a regular descent from Greenwich Street to the present wharf on Hudson river, within three months from this day, agreeably to the conditions of his water grant: and that he cause the timber and other incumbrances to be removed from said Street, on or before the expiration of two weeks from this day.

Ordered that the incumbrances in that part of Beach, Hubert, Laight, Vestry and Desbrosses Streets, to the west of Greenwich Street, be forthwith removed: And that the Street Commissioners cause so much of the said Streets to be filled up and secured from washing away, as in the opinion of the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward may be necessary to preserve the pavements and walks in Greenwich Street.

All which is respectfully submitted.

May. 30. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented the award of the *Arbitrators. appointed to value a gore of land, the property of the Widow Lynch, situate [430] at the corner of Elm and Magazine Streets, which was †referred to Alderman Drake Mr Ludlam and Ald. Mesier.

The Street Commissioner represented that the sum of $400. was due to the labourers employed at the Collect.

Warrant No 1012. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham, for that amount, to discharge the same.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, from No 4306 to No 4312. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The superintendant of repairs reported that sundry repairs were requisite to render the Rooms No 11. and 5, in the Gaol, tenable, and further requested that the Watchmen be directed to prevent the fence lately erected round the Corporation property in Magazine Street,

* Marginal note reads *See, Vol. 16. P. 201.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 451.*—Ed.

from being injured which subjects were referred to the Committee of repairs.

Mr Slidell presented the following resolution, which was passed.

*Resolved that the Clerk be directed to procure for the use of the Common Council, Dewitts large Map of the State of New York.

Warrant No 1013. [431] Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of the Building Committee for $.2000.

Abraham Clock was appointed Fireman of No 15. vice Matthew Vanderhoof resigned, the Chief Engineer certifying a correspondent vacancy.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

No 995.	Capt Nichs Lawrence, City Watch	$283.36
996	" William Van Wart do	284.76
997	" William Peterson do	256.76
998	" James Snow do	256.76
999	" Thomas Darling do	266.56
1000	" Isaac Anderson do	266.56
1001	Josiah Brown, for value of Boats at Flymarket ferry	1149.
1002	James Hogan, repairs in Roosevelt Street	11.68
1003	Tunis Wortman, for recording Deed	2.
1004	Samuel L. Whitlock, preparing ammunition for the 26th inst.	99.37
1005	Thomas Hazard, Salary for self & Turnkeys	437.50
1006.	Bartholemew Skaats, do for self & Assistant	119.40
1007	Edward Meeks, Ironmongery for Supt repairs	109.51
1008	William Paterson, for Well & pump in Jones St	20.
1009	John Fras Laforgue, Atty &ca for one half of Balle of intestate Estate of the Widow Jouette	146.24
1010	Joseph Tomkins, for penalty of Flour, remitted	26.
1011	Samuel Doughty, for shingles, for Supt repairs	26.40
1012	John Bingham Esqr on acct of Collect	400.
1013	John H. Sickles, on acct Building Comme	2000.

[432] In Common Council June. 6. 1808.

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Peter Mesier		Messrs John Slidell	
Abraham King		John W. Mulligan	
James Drake		Simon Van Antwerp	
John Bingham	Esquires	Abraham Bloodgood	
John D. Miller	Aldermen	Thomas J. Campbell	Assistants
Jacob Mott		Stephen Ludlam	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
Nicholas Fish.		Jasper Ward.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report from the Police Office that Captain Darling had sus-

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 179.*—ED.

pended John Estler for sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Michael Gannen to be permitted to excavate the cellar of N° 152 Front Street, for the purpose of rendering the same [433] impervious to water, by means of cement, similar to experiments already effectually made by him in Boston, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward, with power to grant if proper.

A Memorial of Robert Gilchrist on the subject of the *report of the Comptroller in November last, in favour of making a water grant to John Thurman in front of his property in the East river, beyond Peck slip, which was ordered to lie for consideration, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips & Piers.

A request of Captain Farquhar, in behalf of the Executors of the Estate of Robert Randal decd to be permitted to deposit, in Broadway, a quantity of earth necessary to be removed, for the purpose of raising a wall to sustain the grounds belonging to the Sailors Snug harbour, was referred to the Road Committee, with power to grant the request if proper.

A Communication from Doctor Enos Weed requesting permission to administer his medicines, for a reasonable compensation, to the paupers in the Alms House afflicted with chronic diseases, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Petition of John Bartine praying redress for what he considers an unreasonable charge of wharfage paid to Johnson & Burdett, lessees of the public [434] Slips and Wharves, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

A Petition of Clotworthy O'Neal and Charles Lee, well-diggers, to be allowed a share of the public work in their line, was referred to the Superintendant of repairs.

†A Petition of Robert Goodman for remission of the penalty incurred for selling liquor without licence, was referred to the Attorney.

A Petition of Robert Williams and James Thompson praying that Ferries may be established between this city and Governors and Ellis' islands, was referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of sundry inhabitants in Vesey Street, in the vicinity of Hudson Market, praying that certain persons may be restrained from keeping victualling tables in said Market, was referred to the Market Committee:

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 355.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 462.*—ED.

Who forthwith reported that said persons should, in their opinion, remain undisturbed which was confirmed.

*Petitions of John Bray and Daniel Lord for remission of penalties incurred for shipping Indian Meal and Flour, contrary to law, was referred to Alderman Mesier, Drake and Mr Ludlam.

[435] A Petition of the inhabitants in Charles Street, Greenwich Village, praying that the same may be regulated, was referred to the Road Committee.

†A Petition of the inhabitants and proprietors praying that Greenwich Street between Rector and Beaver Street, may be repaved was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward and the Street Commissioner.

‡A further Memorial of Thomas Duggan was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for Lamps in Art Street was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Memorial of Caspar Samler and others praying for the amount of damages awarded in ||January 1807. for ground taken from them for opening Albany Avenue from Old Potters Field to Steuben Street, was referred to Alderman King Mr Slidell and Van Antwerp.

An application of the Attorney representing that Thomas Ross, security in a case of bastardy, applied §sometime past for relief, which was granted: & that said Ross is now confined on account of costs; was referred to Mr Van Hook former Attorney of this Board.

[436] ¶A Communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell remonstrating against the conduct and incapacity of William Mooney Superintendant of the Alms House, was **referred to Alderman Drake Messrs Torbert and Ward.

A Communication from the Superintendant of the Alms [House] in justification of his official duties was referred to the same Committee.

On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House for Money for the expenses of that institution and for the purchase of Fuel.

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No 1036. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $.4000.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 469. P. 480.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 457.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 19. P. 27.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 286.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See. P. 281.*—Ed. ¶ Marginal note reads *See, P. 448.*—Ed. ** Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 19. P. 22.*—Ed.

The following report was presented.

*The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the representation of Daniel Phœnix City Treasurer, applying for an addition to his present compensation of 7. Mills on a dollar, on the amount of the Tax collected for the city and county of New York,

Report

That taking into consideration the duties annexed to that office as at present established, they would recommend [437] an increase of three hundred dollars to his present salary, making in the whole the sum of Eight hundred Dollars, besides the compensation he may receive, agreeably to a law of the Corporation, in cases where administration is granted him as Chamberlain under the Act passed the 27th. March. 1801.

June. 6. 1808

Abraham King
John Bingham
Ab^m Bloodgood
Jasper Ward.

Ordered that the same lie for consideration.

The following report was presented.

†The letter addressed to the Corporation from Jacob and Thomas Walden, respecting the purchase of a tract of land under lease, situated on West road or Albany Avenue, was referred on the 30^th Ult^o to the Finance Committee, who have had the same under mature consideration, and respectfully submit to the Board the following

Report.

As it appears to have been a favourite object with our predecessors to secure a permanent revenue, to be derived from real estate, which, in all human probability, will increase in value with the growth of our city. It would not comport with the duties we owe to our Successors, to encroach materially on that prudent measure: and as there appears no necessity for this Board to establish a precedent, which may [438] open the door to dangerous inroads on the Corporate estate, without an equivalent advantage.

The Committee respectfully recommend that the offer of the applicants, ought not to be accepted.

June. 6. 1808.

Abraham King
James Drake
John Bingham
Abm. Bloodgood.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 340.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 407.*—ED.

The following report was presented.

The Finance Committee have the honor to report on the accounts presented by Anthony Smith for expenses of Inspectors of Election in the 9th Ward at the late election.

It has not been the uniform practice of this Board to pay bills of this nature, and to sanction the principle, at this time, would be the means of introducing a vast number of old accounts which have hitherto been paid by the Inspectors. Besides, it should be remembered, that the members of this Board devote a considerable portion of their time to public business without receiving any emolument for the same.

Viewing the subject in all its points, the Committee are clearly of opinion that it would be improper for this Board to sanction the payment of any accounts similar to the above mentioned.

Abraham King
June. 6. 1808. Jas Drake
John Bingham
Abm Bloodgood

[439] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of *Thomas Anderson for the lease of a lot of ground at the corner of Anthony and Elm Streets, reported that the same be leased at Auction for the term of twenty one years from the 1st of May last, which was confirmed.

The Comptroller presented the award of the †Arbitrators appointed to value the building erected by John McLean, Commissary of Military Stores, for an Armourers Shop, in the Yard attached to the Arsenal, amounting to $70. which was confirmed.

Warrant No 1037. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John McLean for that amount.

The Comptroller presented an Account of Benjamin Romaine against the Corporation for sundry incidental expences incurred in the discharge of his duty whilst Comptroller, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

A report of the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell on the petition of ‡William S. Shaw, that its prayer was founded on principles similar to the petition of Jeremiah Haley, was referred to Alderman Mesier, Drake and Mr Ludlam.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 300. 461.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See, P. 376. 463.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 357. 469.*—ED.

[440] The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward to whom was referred the *Report of the Street Commissioner respecting the Assessment in Varick Street, reported that in their opinion the Collector ought to proceed, forthwith, in the collection of the money due on said Assessment.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

†The Street Commissioner has applied to Mr Bowrowson for a cession of the ground required of him for the Street between Vandam and Spring Streets, but he will not state the sum he is willing to accept for it.

Mr Bowrowson, through his agent, has represented that he will have no objection to removing his foundation from the intended Street provided he is paid 50 or 60 Dollars towards the expense, if by so doing he can occupy the ground uninterruptedly for five or six years: in which case he will stipulate that he will put no buildings upon that part intended for the street but such as he will remove at his expense when the street is actually to be opened.

From the conversation the Street Commissioner has had with Mr Barrow, he believes the Corporation will be willing to pay that sum to prevent a greater evil, as they have no absolute [441] disposition to open the Street at present.

If Mr Bowrowson will agree with this arrangement, the Street Commissioner is of opinion that it ought to be adopted.

June. 6. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to the ‡resolution of the Board for opening Hudson Street, applied to Mr Astor for a cession of his unexpired 60. years lease of so much of Hudson Street as will pass through his grounds purchased of Col. Burr.

Mr Astor states that it will not be of any immediate use to him, as he will be obliged to improve next the river before he attends to regulating the low grounds near the Mansion house, and therefore is unwilling to enter into the expense of regulating Hudson Street. But he proposes to cede the Street to the Corporation immediately, upon the condition that they will make it a passable road at their expense, as

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 426.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 401. 468. Vol. 19. P. 38.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See, P. 416. 468.*—ED.

they have done in Broadway and for which purpose he will find the earth in the vicinity.

The Street Commissioner submits to the Board whether this will not be the easiest method of extinguishing Mr Astor's title.

June. 6. 1808. John. S. Hunn.

[442] Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th. Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to the *order of the Board presents the draft of an Ordinance for a Pier and L on the north side of Jay Street between the Corporation Basin north of Duane Street and the grant to William Rhinelander Junr

Mr Rhinelander has called on the Street Commissioner and requested him to state to the Board his inclination of carrying out at the same time another L to the pier above mentioned forming a T, with the pier which is included in the inclosed ordinance and submitted for the consideration of the Board.

The Street Commissioner is of opinion that the permission ought to be granted and that the said Ordinance ought to pass.

Which is submitted.

June. 6. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and the Ordinance was passed accordingly.

The Street Commissioner reported that the further sum of $500. was required to pay the labourers employed at the Collect.

Warrant Nº 1038 [443] Ordered that a warrant for that amount be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from Nº 4313. to Nº 4323. inclusive;

Ordered that the same do pass.

†A deed of cession from the proprietor of Water lots, between Coenties and Exchange Slips, was presented and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and piers.

The Mayor laid before the Board a Law passed the 8th of April 1808, entitled, "An Act declaring the punishment of certain crimes and for other purposes." wherein it is enacted

"That it shall be the duty of the Supervisors of the respective counties of this State, to cause to be erected or prepared within the

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 415.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 395. 450.*—Ed.

gaol of said county or counties, or otherwise, so many Solitary cells as the court of Common Pleas of such county may direct, which shall be appropriated for the reception of convicts who may be sentenced to punishment therein."

*Ordered that the subject be referred to the Committee of repairs.

Alderman Drake offered the following resolution which was passed.

[444] Resolved that the Committee charged with the superintendence of the Collect be instructed to discontinue, until the further directions of this Board, the filling of the same from and after the 11th instant.

Ordered that the Road Committee report weekly the expenses attending their department and the number of hands employed under the Overseers of the roads.

†Ordered that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance for paving South Street from Beekman Slip to Wall Street Slip, and the head of Flymarket Slip.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner cause the intersection of Chapel and Leonard Street to be repaired.

Ordered that the proprietors of sunken lots in the vicinity of Magazine and Collect Streets, who have not complied with the Ordinances for filling the same, be prosecuted for the penalty of said Ordinances.

Ordered that the Clerk publish so much of the Law for the due observance of the Lords day, called Sunday, as relates to restraining the practice of swimming, bathing and sporting near the shores of the East and North rivers at [445] improper times, and to cause handbills containing said clause to be set up along the shores of this city from Corlaers Hook to Bastevers Killitje.

Warrt N° 1039. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Bartholemew Skaats, for the purpose of purchasing fuel, for $600.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 3.

Nathan Foster, vice George Kaylor, resigned.

N° 10.

James Carr, vice. Joseph Clark. d°

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 470.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 458.*—ED.

N° 11.

Daniel Updike, tavernkeeper, 83. Front Street
v. Arnoldus Voorhees. resigned.

Richard Morris, Shoemaker, 57. Water Street
v. William Seaman. d°

N° 18

Joseph Leggett, Merchant, 40 Essex Street
v. Gurdon Manwaring d°

Willett Seaman, d° 236. Pearl Street
v. John L. Embree. d°

N° 22.

George Philips. Carman. Orange S^t^ v. George Walton. d°

N° 27.

Abraham Bogert, Carpenter. v. William Fairbanks. d°

John S. Dusenberry, Gentleman, v. William Lorton. d°

[446] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 1014.	Beekman Van Beuren, Overseer of roads	.....	$952.58
1015.	Edward Moran, Ass^t^ to S^t^ Comm^r^ for services	.....	55.50
1016	Andrew Otterson. d° d°	.....	52.
1017	James Hardie. Salary	.....	62.50
1018	John Pintard. to defray expenses on 26. May	.....	110.45
1019	William Willis, Coroner, fees	.....	125.31
1020	John Le Maire, for frames for public pictures	.....	225.
1021	John Declew, Inspector of Bread, Salary	.....	78.80
1022	James L. Jacocks, repairing pumps	.....	64.
1023	James Horner d° wells	.....	92.18
1024	Saltus, Son & C° cordage for signal Poles	.....	23.87
1025	Henry G. Disbrow, Marshal, for sunday services	.....	3.
1026	James Bleecker, for leasing lot at auction	.....	8.
1027	Charles Mooney, for paving intersections	.....	52.
1028	Eliz^th^ Archer, Adm^x^ Int on Bond of Moses Archer	.....	29.52
1029	Simon Van Antwerp, Ironmongery for Sup^t^ repair	.....	128. 7
1030	Frederick Eckert, Carpenter work, for d°	.....	184.68
1031	Ge° & Mark Camman, labour, for d°	.....	23.
1032	Jacob Straut, Carting. for d°	.....	43.
1033.	Joseph Boyd d° d°	.....	43.
1034	John Johnson Ironwork for d°	.....	209.64
1035	Edward Tylee, repairs to pumps	.....	58.50
1036	William Mooney, Sup^t^ of Alms House	.....	4000.
1037	John M^c^Lean, award for buildings in Arsenal Yard	.....	70.
1038	John Bingham Esq^r^ on Acc^t^ of Collect	.....	500.
1039	Bartholemew Skaats. to purchase fuel	.....	600.

[447] In Common Council. June. 13th 1808.

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire Mayor.
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esqr Recorder.

Peter Mesier	Messrs Esquires Aldermen	John Slidell	Assistants
Samuel M. Hopkins		John W. Mulligan	
Abraham King		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake		Abraham Bloodgood	
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell	
John D. Miller		Stephen Ludlam	
Jacob Mott		Samuel Torbert	
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report from the Police Office that Captain Darling had suspended John Estler for sleeping on his post was referred to the Watch Committee.

[448] *A Petition of Charles Mather Junr for remission of a fine for selling liquors without licence, was referred to the Attorney.

A Petition of the inhabitants and proprietors for regulating Hester Street from Broadway to Mercer Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner.

†A further communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell relating to the Superintendant of the Alms House and entreating the Board to come to a speedy decision on the subject was referred to the Committee on this business.

The Mayor laid before the Board a letter from Brigadier General Morton soliciting the Corporation to present a stand of Colours to the 3d Regiment of Artillery, in like manner as had been presented to the 1st and 2d Regiments, was referred to Col. Fish, Messrs Ludlam & Bloodgood.

An application of John H. Sickles and Benjamin Thurston, appointed under a late law of this State, Loan Officers of this city and county, for loaning out certain monies to be raised at the discretion of this Board, requesting a decision of the Common Council thereon, was referred to the Finance Committee.

[449] A Petition from the inhabitants in the vicinity, for a well and pump at the corner of Grand and Elizabeth Streets, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 6th and 8th Wards with power to grant on the usual terms.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 470.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 436.*—Ed.

*A Memorial of Robert Bowne and others proprietors of the Wharf on the west side of the Flymarket Slip, proposing to cede the east side of said Wharf to this Corporation on such terms as may be agreed upon, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity representing the noxious state of the head of Beekman Slip and praying that the same may be raised with pure and wholesome earth, was †referred to the Street Commissioner with power to correct the evil under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward and to prepare an Ordinance in conformity.

‡A Petition of James Mickle and others remonstrating against the Assessment for opening Cross Street near the Manhattan Works, was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

A Memorial of John McLean, Commissary of Military Stores, representing that the grounds [450] assigned to the State for an Arsenal were below the level of the adjacent Streets, was referred to

Alderman Drake
Messrs Bloodgood & Ludlam } with power to cause the same to be raised.

The Commissary of Military Stores invited the Corporation to attend the ceremony of laying the foundation Stone of the Arsenal, on Thursday morning next at 11. o'clock. And the Board agreed to assemble at the Alms House, at half past ten o'clock, for the purpose.

||The Committee on Wharves Slips & Piers to whom was referred the deed of cession from the proprietors of water lots between Coenties and Exchange Slips, reported that it was correct and in conformity with the resolution of this Board on the subject.

Ordered that the same be accepted, and be put on record and filed with the Comptroller.

The following report was presented.

The Committee on the report of the Street Commissioner, on the petition of §Hulsart and Stagg, respecting the balance due upon Stanton, Attorney and Sixth Streets,

Report

That in consequence of a difference between the sureties for the Collector of the Assessments on those Streets [451] and the Corpora-

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 19. P. 50.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 474.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 453.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 443.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See. P. 421. 471.*—Ed.

tion, the amount has not been paid, but notwithstanding, that, the contractors ought to receive the monies due to them.

Your Committee therefore recommend that warrants issue in favour of the Petitioners for the sums due them on the respective assessments, as soon as the amount shall be accurately ascertained.

Which is respectfully submitted
John W. Mulligan
June. 13. 1808. Jacob Mott
Step[n] Ludlam.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

The following report was presented.

*The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the award for opening Magazine Street, Report

That for the following reasons it will, in their opinion, be improper for this Board to confirm it.

1[st] The price allowed is considered by your Committee as by far too high.

2[d] The award does not carry the wishes of the Board into effect, as instead of fixing the price which ought to be paid, both for the lot of ground in question and the dwelling house thereon, it only affixes the value to be paid for the lot, leaving the compensation [452] which ought to be paid for the altering and removal of the house to further arbitration.

The business therefore being left in an unfinished State, it is recommended to the Common Council to take measures for having the same settled by a jury, and not to sanction the award.

Ja[s] Drake
June. 13. 1808. Step[n] Ludlam
Peter Mesier

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was presented

The Committee appointed on the subject of the †Assessment for opening Cross Street north of Magazine Street with the communication of the Street Commissioner on the same subject

Report

That in the opinion of the Committee the said Assessment will operate very oppressively on a number of individuals who cannot in the most remote degree be benefitted thereby, and that others are not assessed in proportion to the benefits they will receive from the said

* Marginal note reads *See P. 429.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 422.*—ED.

streets being opened and widened, consequently the Committee recommend that the said Assessment be rejected and that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare [453] an Ordinance for a new Assessment on said Street.

Jas Drake
June 13. 1808 Stepn Ludlam
Peter Mesier.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the *Assessment for opening that part of Cross Street near the Manhattan water works be also rejected: and that the Street Commissioner report a new Ordinance for assessing the damages for opening Cross Street near the Manhattan Water Works, and on the north side of Magazine Street, to be submitted to the same Assessors.

The Road Committee presented the following report.

The Road Committee

Report

The following account of weekly monies expended on the roads, vizt

Mr Waldron has 14 men employed the expense for whom the last week was	$80.19
Doctor Van Beuren had 45 men last week, expense	235.64
Total expense last week	$.315.83

On Saturday last Dr Van Beuren discharged 1. Foreman, 5 Carmen and 8 Labourers whose weekly wages amounted to $96. Which deducted from the [454] above amount of weekly expences will leave $219.83. the probable amount of future weekly expenditures.

Nichs Fish
June. 13. 1808. John Slidell
Jasper Ward.

The Committee of Defence presented the following report.

†The Committee to whom was referred a letter from the Secretary at War to his Honor the Mayor in answer to his letter covering a resolution of the Common Council on the subject of Mr Dubuc de Marentilles proposals for fortifying the harbour of New York, by means of defence which are not in use:

Report

That from a second interview and conference with Mr Dubuc they

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 425. 474.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 389. 466. Vol. 19. P. 6.*—ED.

are confirmed in the favourable opinion they had before entertained of his education, science and military experience; that the letter of the Secretary at war is unsatisfactory, in that it holds out no compensation or gratuity to Mr Dubuc for the disclosure of his plan, though it should be adopted, with success, in any or all the harbours of the United States. That although it rightfully and exclusively belongs to the government of the United States to provide and afford protection to every part thereof, yet, the want of a stipulation [455] or promise on their part to indemnify this Board for any responsibility which it might in the first instance assume, to the amount of $.60.000. for obtaining the disclosure of a plan of defence, which holds out a speedy, economical and complete security to the City, should not in the opinion of the Committee induce an abandonment of that object; but impressed as the Committee are with a conviction of the great importance which the promised defence and security would be *of* to the citizens of New York, could the same be realized, and believing that all the plans and systems which have been heretofore proposed and acted upon would, if completed, afford but an imperfect and problematical security to the city, they think it adviseable again to address the Executive of the United States, for their aid and co-operation on the subject, at least so far, as to stipulate that the plan which Mr Dubuc may communicate to the Common Council, for fortifying the harbour of New York, by means not in use, shall, if adopted for any other port or harbour of the Ud States, be also adopted for the port of New York, which would obviate the principal difficulty now existing between Mr Dubuc and the Committee. In this case they would recommend it to the Common Council to guarantee the payment of ($60.000) Sixty Thousand Dollars to Mr Dubuc, for a disclosure of his plan of fortifying the harbour of New York, by means of defence which are not in use, provided [456] the same shall be adopted by the government of the United States for the port of New York.

They therefore submit the following resolutions.

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested to state to the Secretary at war that the Common Council, anxious to obtain security and protection for the City against the hostile attacks of any maritime power, are disposed to avail themselves of such discoveries and improvements in the art or science of fortifications as may tend to ensure that object.

Resolved that this Board will guarantee to Mr Dubuc the sum demanded by him, vizt $60.000. on condition that he make known to them or such Agent or Committee as shall be appointed for that pur-

pose, the particulars of his proposed plan of defence for the harbour of New York, consisting of means of defence not in use, with liberty to publish the same; and on condition that the same be adopted and put in force by the Government of the United States for this city and harbour, with the assent of the Common Council, within the term of Five Years.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Nich^{s} Fish
John W. Mulligan
Jacob Mott
Jn^{o} D. Miller
Abraham King.

June. 13. 1808.

Ordered that the consideration of the same [457] be postponed until Thursday next, when the Board agreed to meet especially for the purpose.

*The Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition to repave Greenwich Street between Rector and Beaver Streets, reported an Ordinance for that purpose, which was passed, and Isaac Sebring Andrew Morris John Nitchie, Jun^{r} John H. Sickles & Thomas Bolton were appointed Assessors.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob Barker and others, proprietors of lots on the South side of Hamilton Square, reported the following resolution.

Resolved that the road leading from Manhattan Avenue to the center of Hamilton square be opened and worked by the road master or by contract as the Road Committee may direct, in such manner as to render the same passable for carriages of Burden or pleasure.

Ordered that the same lie for consideration

The Road Committee presented the following report.

†The Road Committee to whom was referred the petition of Walter Bowne and others praying that Albany Avenue may be opened,

[458] Report

That the petitioners are purchasers of ground above Inclenberg hill and Steuben Street, where the grounds are very uneven and rocky, and it will cost a considerable sum to make it a good road to Steuben Street. The Committee are of opinion that it will be very little to the public convenience to open that road, unless the Board open it, also, through Inclenberg to Old potters field, in which case the accommoda-

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 435.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 390.*—ED.

tion will be greater, as the purchasers at Inclenberg will also be accommodated with a passage to their property.

A Petition from the *proprietors of ground purchased for that road having been lately presented to the Board and referred, the Road Committee believe it will bring up the question fairly before the Board when they report, and until which time they think it improper to make any further report upon this subject.

Nich^{s} Fish
June. 13. 1808. John Slidell
Jasper Ward.

†The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving South Street between Flymarket Slip and Burling Slip, and for paving the vacant space between the Fish market and the Bulkhead, which was passed, and Samuel Gidney John Griffith Isaac Burr Charles Marsh Jun^{r} &. Elias Nixsen were appointed Assessors.

[459] The Street Commissioner presented a Bond and Mortgage executed by ‡Samuel L. Page for the Ballance due from him on the several assessments he had to collect: which had been examined and approved by the Attorney of the Board.

Ordered that the same be accepted, put on record and be filed with the Comptroller.

The Street Commissioner and Clerk represented that in consequence of the great increase of public business, they were much straightened for room in the office occupied by them. That sufficient accomodation might be obtained without incurring much expence, by opening another access to the Police Office, and taking in the entry leading to said office, into the apartment occupied by the S^{t} Commissioner & Clerk.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the Committee of repairs with instructions to afford such accommodation as in their opinion may be proper.

The Comptroller presented the following communication.

||The Comptroller has the honour of submitting to the Board a proposition which, if adopted, he thinks will be advantageous to the interests of the Corporation.

The present manner of conducting the department [460] of wells and pumps is attended with embarrassment in the adjustment of accounts for this business. It cannot be presumed that the Alderman

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 435.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 444. 473.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See, P. 379.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 467.*—ED.

of a Ward, when he gives his signature to an Account has, always, perfect knowledge of the particulars contained therein, whether the number of men employed or the amount of days charged is accurate. He must consequently rely on the integrity of the person, who performs the work, for the regularity of the charge.

There is reason to believe that this mode is susceptible of errors, which the Comptroller finds it difficult to check under the present system. To obviate these, it is respectfully submitted, whether it would not be more eligible, either to contract for regulating the wells and pumps for one year or a longer period, or to place them under the control of the Superintendant of repairs, whose duty it should be, with the direction of Aldermen of the respective wards, to attend personally to the making and repairing of all wells and pumps belonging to the Corporation, and to attest to the accounts by his signature. It would be proper also to have the pumps in each ward numbered in progressive order, whereby much inconvenience would be avoided in ascertaining when the same were, from time to time, repaired.

The Comptroller confidently believes that a regulation of this kind will be advantageous to the public interest, and may be the means of [461] retrenching unnecessary expenditures.

respectfully submitted.

June. 13. 1808. G. N. Bleecker, Comp^{r}

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Bingham M^{r} Slidell & Van Antwerp.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

*By a resolution of the Board of the 6th inst. the Comptroller was directed to lease at Auction for Twenty one Years from the 1st May last, a lot of ground corner of Anthony and Elm Streets. Previous to advertising the same, he viewed the premises and consulted with the Street Commissioner, whose opinion was decidedly for postponing the sale of the Lot at present. It appears that the ground adjacent to the Collect is not yet sufficiently regulated for the purpose of building, and to dispose of a single lot at this time would be injurious to such general regulations as may be adopted in future when a sale may be effected to more advantage. Whenever it is deemed adviseable to lease this property, it is the opinion of the Comptroller that a survey of the whole should be made and arranged in lots of proportionate size, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and sold at public Auction for a term of years. By this mode, uniformity will be

* Marginal note reads *See P. 439.*—ED.

preserved in the dimensions of the lots, every individual, disposed to purchase, will be on an equal footing and the real value of the property more [462] justly ascertained.

Under these considerations it is respectfully submitted to the Board, the propriety of deferring the sale of the Lot abovementioned for the present.

Junᵉ 13. 1808. G. N. Bleecker. Comptʳ

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Attorney, to whom was referred the *Petition of Robert Goodman for a remission of the penalty incurred for selling liquors without licence, reported, that, under all circumstances of his case, it was improper for this Board to interfere, which was confirmed.

On application of the Superintendant of repairs.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham Chairman of the Committee of repairs, for $100 to discharge small accounts incurred by sᵈ Superintendant.

Warrant Nº 1049.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from Nº 4324 to Nº 4331. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Mʳ Slidell offered the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause a foot way to be laid across [463] that part of Marketfield Street which leads from the intersection of Broadway to the Gate of the Battery.

Ordered that the subject of defraying the Expenses of the Inspectors of Election, as far as regards the 9th Ward, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Ordered that Warrant Nº 1037 issued in favour of †John McLean Commissary of Military Stores, for the amount of the award of the value of the buildings erected by him in the Arsenal Yard, be suspended.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Nº 2.	William Weed, Shoemaker,	v. Freeman Bartholemew resᵈ
13.	William Clark, Grocer	v. Joseph Marshal, decᵈ
19.	Isaac Vanhorn,	v. Henry Fish, resᵈ
29.	James Van Orden	v. Jesse M. Chapel. dº
	Joseph Blauvelt.	v. Garrit Tinkey. dº

* Marginal note reads *See P. 434.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 439.*—Ed.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 1040	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City watch	.....	$276.36
1041	" William Van Wart, dº	.....	276.36
1042	" William Peterson dº	.....	256.76
1043	" James Snow dº	.....	256.76
1044	" Thomas Darling dº	.....	266.56
1045	" Isaac Anderson dº	.....	266.56
1046	Daniel Woolsey, repairing Dock at Brooklyne	.....	179.
1047	Samuel B. Waldron, Overseer of roads	.....	424. 5
1048	John A. Crolius, Inspecr of Bread. Salary	.....	95.
1049	John Bingham Esqr on Acct of Commᵉ of repairs	.....	100.

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Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Peter Mesier Samuel M. Hopkins Abraham King James Drake John Bingham John D. Miller Jacob Mott Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John Slidell Simon Van Antwerp Abraham Bloodgood Thomas J. Campbell Stephen Ludlam Samuel Torbert Jasper Ward Samuel Kip.

Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

*A Memorial of Ephraim Hart representing that in consequence of filling the Collect, his adjoining lots have been inundated to his injury, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward.

[465] †A further Memorial of John Lawrence and Rufus King inclosing a Communication from William Denning and Henry J. Wyckoff, arbitrators, confirming their ‡award on the subject of dividing and adjusting, between ||Messrs Lawrence and King and this Board, certain lots of ground situate in Elm and Leonard Streets, was referred to Alderman Miller, Fish and Mr Ludlam.

Petitions of Edward Connolly §John A. Laird Daniel Halsey Moses Hoyt Andrew Jackson Samuel Taylor William J. Furman and Abel Smith: to be relieved from the penalties incurred for selling liquors without licence, were referred to the Attorney.

¶A Petition of John Lovett and others, praying that Broome Street may be regulated agreeably to the original profile, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

* Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 483.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 406.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 58.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 19. P. 25.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *P. 484.*—Ed. ¶ Marginal note reads *See. P. 486.*—Ed.

[466] *A Petition of Thomas Rosell and others praying that Crosby Street may be extended, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and pump corner of Charles and Greenwich Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward, with power to grant on the usual terms.

†A Petition from Fire Engine Company N° 29. praying that they may be allowed a new Fire Engine in place of the present one, which is in a state of decay, was referred to the Fire Department.

A Petition of Hugh Cusack, a pauper in the Alms House, for compensation for extra services rendered by him during the issuing of rations last winter, was referred to the Sup[t] of the Alms House.

On the suggestion of James Hardie of the propriety of annexing the Health Laws to the new Edition of the Corporation Laws now in the press.

Ordered that the same be published accordingly.

‡The Report of the Committee of Defence which was not acted upon last Thursday for want of a quorum to form a Board, was called up, and after discussion thereon, was confirmed.

[467] The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the ||representation of the Comptroller respecting Pumps and Wells

Report

That in their opinion the association of the Superintendant of repairs with the Alderman and Assistant of the respective Wards to attend to any repairs or regulations which may be necessary for the erection, preservation or repairing of Wells and Pumps, will not clash with the law of the Legislature on that subject; they therefore respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Public repairs be and he is hereby associated with the Alderman and Assistant of the respective Wards for the purpose of attending personally to the making and repairing any wells or pumps which may be necessary and that it shall be his duty to sign all bills of that nature against the Corporation in conjunction with the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, or either of them, before the same shall be audited by the Comptroller.

§The Committee also recommend that the pumps in each Ward be

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 483.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 19. P. 14.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 454.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 459.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 84.*—ED.

numbered in progressive order under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Superintendant of repairs.

John Bingham
June. 20. 1808. Simon Van Antwerp
John Slidell.

[468] Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of Walter Bowne reported that under all circumstances the prayer of his petition ought not to be granted.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward to whom were referred the †communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the proposition of Mr Bowrowson to accept of a compensation of Sixty dollars for the removal of his building from an intended Street and that he would stipulate to put no building thereon, but such as he would remove, for five years hence. As also the ‡Communication of the Street Commissioner stating that Mr Astor would cede his interest in Hudson Street and find earth to regulate it, if the Corporation carted the same at their expense:

Report

That they have seen Mr Astor and Mr Bowrowson, and find they are willing to adhere to the several propositions stated by the Street Commissioner; but that they will not consent to more favourable terms: And as it can [469] not be expected that they should comply with the request made of them without some small compensation, for it is of no benefit to them, at present, to open the Street, And as it will be a great accommodation to the public to open Hudson Street, the Committee recommend that the proposals aforesaid be adopted.

Thurston Wood
June. 20. 1808. Jasper Ward.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom the several applications respecting Flour were referred

Report

That after fully examining the testimony and circumstances under

* Marginal note reads *See P. 407.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 440.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 441.*—ED.

which the several seizures were made, are of opinion that the *applications of James Gillespie John Bray and William S. Shaw ought not to be granted.

But that the case of Daniel Lord is entitled to redress, and recommend the issuing a warrant to him for Fifteen Dollars the price of Five Barrels of Rye flour delivered at the Alms House

Peter Mesier
June 20. 1808. Jas Drake
Stepn Ludlam.

Warrt [470] Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a war-
No 1057. rant be issued in favour of Daniel Lord for $15.

The following Report was presented

†The Committee to whom was referred the subject of providing Solitary Cells

Report

That they have examined the yard of the Bridewell, and think that there is ground sufficient for the purpose. It having been suggested to the Committee that the roof of the Bridewell would soon want considerable repairs they took into consideration the propriety of raising the roof and building the cells in the third story, but on enquiry they find that the difference of expense will be about $6000. in favour of building a house of 100 feet by 30. which will contain 30. Cells agreeably to the annexed plan.

John Bingham
June. 20. 1808. Thomas J. Campbell
Abm Bloodgood.

Ordered that the same lie for consideration.

The Attorney to whom was referred the ‡petition of Charles Mather Junr reported that the Petitioner, had lately removed to this city, [471] and plead entire ignorance of the Excise law: He submitted his case to the determination of the Board. Whereupon

Ordered that half the Excise fine be remitted together with one half of the Tavern licence fine, and that the remainder of said fine be left at the discretion of the Attorney.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the ||report of the Committee relative to a ballance due Messs Hulsart & Stagg upon their contracts for regulating Stanton and Attorney Streets reported that

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 408. 434. 439. 434.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 443.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 448.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 450.*—Ed.

agreeably to a statement certified by the Street Commissioner a ballance of $386.40 appears due to them.

Warrt No 1056. Ordered that a warrant for that amount be issued in their favour.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

*The Street Commissioner lays before the Board a slight survey of Mr Loss, of a lot of ground belonging to Mr Peirson at the corner of Broad and Front Streets, upon the lines of which he deems it necessary for the Board to decide.

Mr Pierson purchased the lot of Mr Delafield for a certain quantity of ground, but his present object is to gain about a foot more by coming [472] out to what he supposes is the intended line of the Street. Mr Delafield applied to the Street Commissioner for the same privilege previous to selling this ground. But the Street Commissioner has objected to giving such privilege, because he is directed by law to prevent buildings from being put upon the Streets, and this Street has been formed by buildings through the whole block, which will be obstructed by the intended building. Because he believes Mr Pierson has no right to any more ground than such as was covered by the old foundation being the breadth he purchased. Because the Corporation, in no instance, have intentionally permitted an individual to build out a foot in front of his neighbours where the Street was apparently formed; but have in many cases prevented them from so doing. Because the indulgence of such a principle would subject the Board to continued claims for favours of this nature, which are too often granted, perhaps, to the injury of the Streets in cases less important. And more especially, Because the Street Commissioner is not satisfied with the correctness of the survey, inasmuch as Mr Loss has not shown thereon the true dimensions intended for the several lots in that Block, where the water grants were issued, which ought to have been done before a correct judgment upon the subject could be made.

[473] The Street Commissioner therefore submits the whole case to the Board with a hope that they will give such instructions as the importance of the subject demands, important by its becoming probably a data upon which future surveys will be effected.

All which is respectfully submitted

June. 20. 1808. John S. Hunn.

N. B. Mr Loss made this survey the 15th of May, but did not return it in the Street Commissioners office until the 14th inst. Mr

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 19. P. 25.*—ED.

Pierson has, notwithstanding the undecided difficulty, carried up his building so far, that it becomes necessary for a prompt decision upon the subject.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Mesier Messrs Slidell and Van Antwerp.

The Street Commissioner informed the Board that he committed an error in the draft of the *Ordinance for paving South Street, which was presented last Monday, the Ordinance only taking in the Street from Burling Slip to the Flymarket when, by referring to the Minutes, he finds that the Board intends it to be continued to Wall Street Slip. He had corrected the error by drafting a new Ordinance which he presented.

Isaac Burr named in the first Ordinance [474] having declined the Street Commissioner proposed Samuel Tooker to be substituted.

Ordered that the Ordinance be passed in conformity.

The Street Commissioner presented the draft of an †Ordinance for regulating Beekman Slip, by Assessment, from the present pavement to South Street.

He also presented the draft of an Ordinance directing the sunken lots between Beekman Slip and Burling Slip to be filled and fenced in, so as to prevent them from becoming receptacles for filth in future.

Ordered that the same do pass, and Samuel Gidney John Griffith Charles Marsh, Junr Elias Nixsen, and Samuel Tooker were appointed Assessors.

Agreeably to the ‡order of the Board the Street Commissioner presented the draft of an ||Ordinance, including both cases, for opening Cross Street. He submitted the propriety of giving the new Assessors explicit instructions with respect to Mr Janeway, which unless perfectly understood, greater errors and difficulties in the adjustment of this unpleasant business would arise.

[475] Ordered that said Ordinance do pass, that Benjamin Thurston William Tabele John Drake John A. Crolius and Richard Berrian be appointed Assessors and that the §Committee to whom the former Assessments upon Cross Street were referred, be authorized to give the necessary instructions.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 458.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 449.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 453.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 83.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 424. Ald. Drake Mesier Mr Ludlam.*—Ed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating
Hester Street from Broadway to Mercer Street,
Bayard Street from Mulberry to the west side of Orange Street, and
Pump Street, for 47. feet east of Mulberry to Collect Street.

Ordered that the same do pass, and Benjamin Thurston William Tabele John Drake John A. Crolius and Richard Berrian were appointed Assessors.

*Resolved that the Street Commissioner stop all proceedings on the intended improvement of Bancker, Oak and Chesnut Streets until proper deeds be executed for the ground between Chesnut and Roosevelt Streets owned by Doctor Tolbert and Isaac Dodge.

[476] Resolved that the gutter on the East side of Broad Street, between Mill Street and the sewer at the lower end of said Street be so regulated that the water may be carried off. And also that the pavement at the junction of Marketfield and Broad Streets be raised to prevent lodgments of water; and that the Superintendant of repairs attend to the execution of the same at the expense of those benefitted.

Resolved that the Common Sewer in Water Street, between Old Slip and Wall Street Slip be opened and cleansed, under the direction of the Superintendant of repairs, at the expense of the parties benefitted.

Resolved that the proprietors of sunken lots on the North side of Magazine Street who have neglected to fulfil the Ordinances passed for filling the same, be prosecuted for the penalty, and that the City Inspector prepare new Ordinances for raising said Lots.

Ordered that the City Inspector prepare Ordinances for filling the sunken lots belonging to Governor Lewis in Leonard Street.

Ordered that the Comptroller deliver the Assessment Book, of last year, for the Third Ward, to the present Assessors for said Ward, to be [477] carefully returned by them.

The Committee on the Collect were instructed to take charge of the Soil taken out thereof and to prevent its being stolen.

Alderman Miller, Mott, and Mr Campbell } were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for celebrating the Thirty second Anniversary of American Independence.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 291. 486.*—ED.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 1050	William J. Waldron, Collector of Corporation revenues. Salary	$264.
1051	Jacob P. Roome, Supt of repairs—dº	158.
1052	James Patten, for Iron work for Supt repairs	143. 5
1053	Matthew Banks, for repairs to Pumps	46.64
1054	Daniel Davis dº dº	33.75
1055	Luke Torboss. for painting for Supt repairs	210.87
1056	Hulsart & Stagg, balle for regulg Streets	386.40

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Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire Mayor.

Peter Mesier Abraham King James Drake John Bingham Jacob Mott Thurston Wood	Aldermen.	Messrs John Slidell Simon Van Antwerp Abraham Bloodgood Thomas J. Campbell Stephen Ludlam Samuel Torbert Jasper Ward.	Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Police Office, that

Capt. Darling had suspended Duncan McDaniel for being capped, and that

Capt Anderson, had suspended George Durand for being abusive to him was referred to the Watch Committee.

Petitions of the inhabitants in the vicinity for Lamps in Sugar Loaf Street, between Broad- [479] way and Church Street, and in Thompson Street, were referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Memorial of John Delamater and others, remonstrating against the *Ordinance of this Board, directing a piece of ground situate in Chapel Street between Barclay and Murray Streets to be paved, setting forth that the same is not part of Robinson Street, but the property of the Corporation of Columbia College, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 3d Ward.

A Communication from Abraham Alstin representing that the soil taken out of the Collect is a species of Turf or peat and capable of being converted into fuel, was referred to the Committee on the Collect.

A Petition of Zachariah Mole for remission of a penalty incurred for selling liquors without licence was referred to the Attorney.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 383.*—Ed.

On the recommendation of the Market Committee

Ordered that *Henry Ryer be allowed the Stand N° 5. Duane Market lately occupied by Thomas White who relinquishes the same in his favour.

A Memorial of Garrit H. Van Wagenen and others setting forth that the proprietors of the Lutheran burial ground were about enclosing [480] the same whereby the communication from Carmine Street, through Clarkson Street to Greenwich Street would be interrupted, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th. Ward.

A Petition from the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and pump at the corner of Spring and M^cDougal Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward with power to grant on the usual terms.

†A further Memorial of John Bray on the subject of his claim for remission of the penalty incurred for shipping flour contrary to law, was referred to the Committee of which Alderman Mesier is Chairman.

A Memorial of the inhabitants interested praying that Catherine Street may be repaved, was referred to the Street Commissioner with instructions to prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

‡A Petition of John V. Breevoort to be relieved from a fine incurred for one of the chimnies of the Gaol having caught fire, owing to the impossibility of sweeping the same on account of the iron gratings therein to prevent the escape [481] of prisoners, was referred to the Committee on the Fire department.

An application from the First Regiment of Light Infantry, for Gunpowder for celebrating the 4^th^ of July, was referred to Alderman Mott, Mesier and M^r Ward. with instructions to provide and furnish the Military with the usual supply of Gunpowder for the occasion.

The subject of removing the Old Hay scales at George Slip, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

An application was received from the Commissioners for laying out roads and streets for an appropriation in their favour.

Warrant N° 1076. Ordered that a warrant be issued on account for $1764.57.

On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House.

Warr^t N° 1078 Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $1000.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 229.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 434.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 101.*—ED.

Warr[t] N° 1079. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles on account of the Building Committee

for	$.2000.
on acc[t] of Marble. (See page. 483)	1000
	$.3000

[482] An Account of Andrew Morrel for ceiling Duane Market was presented.

Warrant N° 1077. Ordered that a warrant be passed in his favour for the ballance, $140.

A Memorial of the inhabitants in the vicinity of the Collect, complaining that they are much annoyed by idle boys throwing stones and breaking their windows, was referred to the Attorney and the City Inspector.

The Building Committee presented the following report, which was confirmed.

The Building Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of Johnson & Stevens the Contractors who furnished the Marble for the City Hall,

Report that they have carefully examined the accounts and situation of those persons, who must have lost considerably by the undertaking; They are now in a state of Bankruptcy relying on the generosity of the Corporation to make them some remuneration for having completed a contract, the expenses attending the completion of which they do not appear to have had a previous experience of.

Your Committee finding that a quantity of Marble will yet be wanted for the [483] building as appears by M[r] M[c]Combs report herewith, recommend that a Contract be made with Johnson and Stevens for the quantity yet wanted, not exceeding Two thousand cubic feet, and that they be allowed Three Dollars per cubic foot, which will enable them to deliver the Stone, and will leave them a Sum towards making up the loss they have sustained by the first contract: and that †One thousand dollars be advanced to enable them to recommence their business on their first giving such security for the performance of the agreement and for the money advanced as will be satisfactory, to John M[c][Combs] the Master builder.

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Jacob Mott
Abraham King
Jn° Slidell
Samuel Torbert.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 368.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *included in Warr[t] N° 1079.*—ED.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of Ephraim Hart reported, that the injury of which he complains is occasioned, not by any obstruction of the course of the water of the Collect but from the settling of his grounds, and that he be directed immediately to fill up and regulate the same agreeably to the order of the Common Council of the †11th January last; which was confirmed.

The following report was presented

‡The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the two several petitions for opening Crosby [484] Streets,

Report

That the property of Anthony L. Bleecker runs across the head of Crosby Street and cuts it from an entrance into Bleecker Street for about One hundred feet. That it would be a great accommodation, in their opinion, to the people in the vicinity, *it* [if] it were opened, as they are now hemmed in, with no communication to the Bowery or Broadway, unless they come 7 or 800 feet into Prince Street.

The Committee therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner take order for opening the said Street without delay.

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Thurston Wood
Jasper Ward.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

On receiving the ||report of the Attorney on the Petition of John A. Laird.

Ordered that One half of the penalty incurred by said Laird, be remitted.

§The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Provost Street, which was confirmed, and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented a further report on the propriety of improving [485] the road through Hamilton Square, which was ordered to lie for consideration.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication

Mr McLean informs the Street Commissioner that he has contracted for part of the materials for the Powder Magazine, which are to be delivered at Governor Clintons Wharf on the Hudson river, and that he finds himself constrained to request the Corporation to open

* Marginal note reads *See P. 464.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 25.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 464.* [*466*].—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 465.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See P. 254.*—ED.

part of the Street, or road, running from Manhattan Avenue on the South side of the ground sold by them to the State; which will afford him the means of conveying his materials to the site of the intended building. The Street Commissioner is of opinion that it will be only necessary in this case to make a small causeway over the low lands and to remove a small quantity of bushes and obstructions to render the road passable: and he recommends that the road master be directed to attend to it under the Superintendence of the road Committee.

Which is respectfully submitted

June. 27. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to Messrs Bloodgood Slidell and Ludlam

[486] The Street Commissioner represented that a ballance still remained due to the persons lately employed at the Collect.

Warrt Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman No 1080. Bingham for $.500 on account thereof.

The Street Commissioner informed the Board that he had procured the *deeds from Isaac Dodge and Samuel Torbert for the three feet Alley running from Chesnut Street to Roosevelt Street, for the purpose of improving the circumjacent Streets, by letting the water thro' the block, and that the expense of the purchase amounts to †One hundred and Ninety Dollars fifty cents, for which he is to pay cash and solicited a Warrant in his favour for that amount, which will be included in the Assessment and be refunded to the Corporation.

Warrt Ordered, that a warrant be issued in favour of the Street No 1081. Commissioner accordingly.

The Street Commissioner presented a profile of the ‡regulation of Broome Street from the Bowery to the East river calculated to comport with the situation of the several intersecting Streets, which was confirmed.

[487] The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from No 4333. to No 4342 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass

The Superintendant of repairs reported that on examination he judged it would be very imprudent to open and cleanse the Sewer in

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 475.*—ED.

† Marginal note reads—

J. Dodge	*$70.50*
S. Torbert	*120.*
	$190.50.—ED.

‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 465.*—ED.

Water Street, at this season of the year: especially as the complaints respecting obstructions in the lateral sewers were, for the present, sufficiently removed.

On his further representation, Ordered, that the diameter of all wells hereafter to be made, be not less than six feet; and that said wells shall contain not less than three feet depth of water, to justify his signing the accounts of the contractors for payment of the sum usually allowed by this Board. viz[t] One Dollar, for every foot such wells shall contain in depth from the surface of the Street.

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board forthwith prosecute the owners of Lots on Broadway, between Broome and Spring Streets, who have neglected to fill up the same in compliance with the former ordinance, and that the City Inspector report ordinances at the next meeting for filling the same.

[488] Ordered that the Street Commissioner take measures to prevent the depositing of rubbish in the East river, fronting the Battery.

Ordered that the Committee on the Collect be authorized to employ a Marshal to take charge of the soil removed therefrom.

*Alderman Mott was substituted in the place of Alderman Miller on the Committee relating to the New York Free School Society.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies

N[o] 10

James Turner, to supply a deficiency.
James Parker, vice John Brown, dec[d]

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

N[o] 1057.	Daniel Lord, penalty of Flour remitted	.....	$.15.
1058	Cap[t] Nich[s] Lawrence....City watch	.....	276.36
1059	" William Van Wart. d[o]	.....	276.36
1060	" William Peterson. d[o]	.....	256.76
1061	" James Snow. d[o]	.....	256.76
1062	" Thomas Darling. d[o]	.....	266.56
1063	" Isaac Anderson. d[o]	.....	266.56
1064	Daniel Woolsey, for repairs to Coenties Slip	.....	274.25
1065	George Youle, for lead pipe for Pump	.....	55.79
1066	[489] Matthew Dikeman, repairs to Pumps	.....	95.25
1067	Philip Fulkerson, Marshal, attend[g] on Sundays	.....	14.
1068	Thomas Freeborn & others. d[o] d[o]	.....	21.
1069	John Day, white washing Markets &c[a]	.....	57.22
1070	Jacob Van Winkle, upholsterers work at Bridewell	.....	37.12
1071	John V. Waldron, painting Watchmens caps	.....	8.73

* Marginal note reads *See P. 347.*—ED.

Nº	1072	James Hogan, paving intersections	$22.62
	1073.	Richard Tierney. dº	20.78
	1074	American Citizen, for advertising	20.33
	1075	Hardenbrook & Sickles, making & repairing Lamps	647.41
	1076	Simeon Dewitt—on Acct of Commissioners for laying out roads	1764.57
	1077	Andrew Morrel, balle for ceiling Duane Market	140.
	1078	William Mooney, Supt of Alms House	1000.
	1079	John H. Sickles, on acct Building Comme	3000.
	1080	John Bingham Esqr on Acct Collect	500.
	1081	John S. Hunn, to pay for an Alley for improving Chesnut & Roosevelt Streets	190.50

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[1] City of New York.

In Common Council, July 11th 1808.

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

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The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

*A Petition of Richard Tierney and his associates, setting forth that a considerable ballance was due them on their contracts for paving Magazine Cross, Barley and Reed Streets was referred to Messrs Ludlam, Torbert, and Slidell.

[2] An Application of Abraham Cannon stating that a ballance is due to William Todd surviving partner of Raveaux & Todd, for regulating Streets, requesting that the same may be liquidated to enable said Todd to complete his contract for digging out Grand Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

†A Petition of James Abeel setting forth that he had purchased at Auction, 5 acres of Common lands, without any covenants or restrictions on the part of the Auctioneer or Street Commissioner, and praying that his lease may be granted on the same terms as the lease made to ‡Oliver Vanderbilt, was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Thomas Storm and others inhabitants of the First Ward, accompanied by a draft for improving the Common sewer in Broad street and praying that the same may be carried into effect, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of said Ward.

||A Petition of John A. Graham and others praying that measures may be adopted to protect the Citizens from danger to be apprehended from Dogs going at large, was referred to the City Inspector.

A Communication from the Commissioners for laying out Streets requesting information concerning such Streets as have been hereto-

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* Marginal note reads *See, Report P. 44.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 29.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 350.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 39.*—Ed.

fore laid [3] out and accepted by this Corporation and a description of the lines of said Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the inhabitants of the 7th. Ward for a Watch House and an additional number of Watchmen to be stationed in Henry Street between Catharine and George Street was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Messrs Leroy, Bayard and others setting forth that several warehouses have been recently broken open and robbed in Washington Street and praying that additional Watchmen may be stationed in said Street between the Battery and Albany Basin, was referred to the same Committee with power to act as may appear proper.

Petitions of Gilbert Angevine Francis Fairbairn and George Coburn to be relieved from the penalty incurred for selling liquors without licence, was referred to the Attorney with directions to stay proceedings until he reports.

*A Petition of John K. Furman for reimbursement of the expense of sundry repairs made by him to the upper part of the Watch House opposite the City Hall, when he occupied the same in the year 1800. was referred to the Comptroller.

[4] †A Petition of Robert Dickey for the regulation of Varick Street north of Provost Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th. Ward and the Street Commissioner.

‡A Petition of the inhabitants and proprietors for the regulating and paving Rynder Street to the South side of Hester Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward and Mr Bloodgood.

||A Memorial of Jacob Cholwell, contractor for lighting the public Lamps on the subject of renewing his contract, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A memorial of the inhabitants of the 7th. Ward complaining against certain houses in George & Charlotte Streets, frequented at unseasonable hours by idle Negroes and other dissolute persons was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of said Ward.

A Memorial of sundry inhabitants of the same Ward representing that the Slaughter house of William Nelson is abominably offensive, was referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and Pump in Mott Street between Pell and Chatham Streets, was referred to the

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 30.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 33.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 26.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 28.*—ED.

[5] Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward and the Sup[t] of repairs, with power to grant on the usual terms.

*A Communication from the Loan Officers informing that a ballance of $.25.97. was due for interest on the Mortgage of George B. Ewart, was referred to the Comptroller.

†An application of the town of Brooklyne on the subject of paving the main Street leading before the property of this Corporation was referred to the Ferry Committee with power to acquiesce.

A Petition of John Skillman for permission to sell meat at Greenwich was referred to the Market Committee.

‡An Application of Gabriel Furman in behalf of M[rs] Beekman, for payment of the interest due on the bond to Robert Gilmore assigned to the estate of Theophilus Beekman dec[d] was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of John E. Ruckle soliciting relief towards maintaining his apprentice James Marriner, insane, confined in the City Hospital, was referred to Alderman Hopkins Mess[rs] Mulligan and Torbert.

[6] On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House,
Warr[t]
N° 1104. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $2000.

Returns were received, agreeably to law, from the Trustees of the Free Schools of the German Lutheran, and German Reformed Churches, which were ordered to be filed.

The Mayor presented a letter from Captain Whylley, Commandant of Fort Columbus, informing that he had received Eleven Convicts sentenced at the last Court of Sessions to labour at the public fortifications, and representing that they were destitute of blankets.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House with directions to furnish blankets.

The Mayor presented the following letter received from the Secretary at War.

War Department. June 29. 1808

Sir

Your letter of the 21[st] inst. with a ||report from the Committee of the Common Council of the City of New York has been duly received and submitted to the consideration of the Pre- [7] sident of the United States, who has authorized me to assure you that any infor-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 30.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See. P. 86.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 31.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See, Vol. 18. P. 454.*—ED.

mation on the subject of defence for our ports and harbors will be received with pleasure, and any improvement on the general known system of defence will be adopted for New York, if, on due investigation, its merits shall render its adoption expedient.

It may be relied on, that Mr Du Buc's proposed system will not in any event be adopted for the defence of any other port or harbor in the United States, than that of New York, without the consent of Mr De Buc, or the Corporation of New York, who may think it advisable to purchase of him the right of applying his system to the defence of that city and harbor.

As the President possesses no power for paying premiums for new discoveries or inventions, he can only recommend to the consideration of Congress, such as he may consider of sufficient importance to claim the attention of the Government.

I herewith inclose a pamphlet lately received, announcing also an invention for the defence of a Country, with an offer from the author to communicate to the President a full description of all the details necessary for carrying the proposed system into complete effect on condition of receiving $.50.000. for the invention. I will thank you to return the [8] pamphlet when convenient,

and have the honor to be
most respectfully, Sir
Your ob. Servt
H. Dearborn.

Hon.
Dewitt Clinton
Mayor of the City of New York.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Defence.

Reports from the Police Office that Capt. Darling had suspended John Longindale for sleeping on his post, and from

Capt. Anderson, that he had dismissed George Durand for disorderly conduct, and recommending James Weeks, a substitute, to be appointed in his place,
were referred to the Watch Committee.

A Report from the City Treasurer of the State of the Treasury, was presented and ordered to be filed.

*A Report from the Commissioners of the Alms House, on the Petition of the Clerk for an increase of his salary, that in consideration of the augmentation of his duties, he is, in their opinion, justly

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 73.*—ED.

entitled to additional compensation, was referred to the Committee of Finance.

[9] The Attorney to whom was referred the Petitions of Edward Connolly Daniel Halsey Abel Smith William J. Furman Moses Hoyt Andrew Jackson Samuel Taylor Zachariah Mole Elizabeth Birdsell James Erwin and Edward Collins for remission of the penalties incurred for selling liquors without licence,

Reported that on examining their several cases he considered them respectively entitled to the indulgence of the Common Council.

Ordered that, as far as this Board is concerned that the fines be remitted, the Petitioners paying the costs of prosecution.

*The Street Commissioner reported that agreeably to the order of the Common Council he had given notice to Messrs Stagg & Anson to fulfil their contract for regulating Ridge Street within one month under penalty of [10] being prosecuted for default. That they had neglected to comply with said notice, and he wished to know whether he should put their Bond into the hands of the Attorney for prosecution.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th ward with power to institute a prosecution.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to communicate to the Board, that by a survey effected by Mr Loss and himself along the Hudson river, for the purpose of directing the manner of sinking the blocks for the Pier at Partition Street, he finds that the line portrayed by the survey of Mr Mangin as the west line of West Street is not far enough into the river by nearly forty feet, if the line of West street be continued, as it ought to be, straight from Courtland Street to Harison Street: and that in consequence of this error in the former Survey, the Pier now building, by Mr Woolsey, at Partition Street, will not be above 210 feet into the river, instead of 250. the stipulated distance.

The Street Commissioner is sorry this error was not sooner discovered, but believes [11] it can still be corrected by directing Mr Woolsey either to lengthen the Bridges or to sink an additional small block, which extra work the Board ought not perhaps to object to when they consider that a straight line of 3000 feet along the face of the city will thereby be produced, in lieu of a crooked line laid down by Mr Mangin.

In order however to bring this subject fairly before the Board, the Street Commissioner proposes the following resolutions.

* Marginal note reads *See, Vol. 18 P. 362.*—ED.

Resolved, that the west line of West Street usually called the permanent line, be continued in a straight line from a point seventy feet westerly of the northwesterly corner of the Brickwork of the brick building lately erected by Jacob Wilkins at the lower end of Courtland Street, to a point six feet westerly of the outermost part of the timber of the present wharf at the foot of Harison street, on a line with the north line of said Street.

Resolved further, that the Alderman and Assistant of the Third ward and the Street Commissioner make such arrangements with Mr Woolsey for the extension of the pier now sinking at Partition Street, as they may think proper.

Which is respectfully submitted.

July. 11, 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward.

[12] The Street Commissioner presented the draft of an Ordinance for repaving Catherine Street from Bedlow to Cherry Street, which was passed, and Simeon Skillin Isaac Doty, Eldad Holmes John Drake and James Smith were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

*The Street Commissioner has the honor to state to the Board, that in the arrangements for settling the charges against the vacant lots on Hester and Rynder Streets for filling and regulating, among other assumptions to prevent a sale of the said lots, Mr William Houston consented to pay all expenses upon Lot No 639, then amounting to $101.39. and for which he gave his note payable in ten days from the 20th of May last. That this money has been long due to the persons who contracted for filling these lots, and that the subscriber transferred Mr Houstouns note to Mr McGown, one of the Contractors, on account of his contract, and which, with a copy of the advertisement for sale is hereunto annexed for the inspection of the Board.

The Street Commissioner further states to the Board, That the note so transferred was this day, [13] and for the first time, presented by Mr McGown to Mr Houstoun for payment, having been due since the 30th June last: and that Mr Houstoun peremptorily refuses to pay said note, alledging that he has made arrangements with the Common Council for paying this, with other expenses at some future day.

The Street Commissioner being unacquainted with any such arrangements, expecting the note would be immediately paid and having re-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 31. 60. 162.*—ED.

ceived Mr McGowens receipts in full for the said contracts, wishes explicit information from the Board, whether any arrangements have been made by them with Mr Houstoun to invalidate the note, or by which the Board have consented to pay the same for him, and if not, whether he ought not to be permitted to take such legal measures for obtaining the amount of the note as may be just and right.

Which is respectfully submitted.

July. 11. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney.

On representation of the Street Commissioner Ordered

Warrant N° 1106. That a Warrant be issued in favour of Samuel Torbert for his contract for raising sunken lots in Harman Street, to operate as lien on said Lots for $30.

1107 [14] In favour of John S. Hunn for expenses for filling Beekman Slip. $116.98.

1108 John Simonds for carting Earth to raise around Duane Market. $31.25

1109 Thomas Anderson, for a pick ax. $9.93.

1105 Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Cholwell on acct of his contract for lighting the public lamps. $.2000.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from N° 4349. to N° 4375. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

*The Fire Department to whom was submitted the Petitions of Fire Engine Companies N° 22 & N° 30.

Reported, that Engine N° 22. be substituted in the place of N° 30, the latter not being fit for service, and that the Petition of Company N° 22 for a larger Engine be granted.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Fire Department on the †petition of Fire Engine Company N° 29. for a new Engine reported against the prayer thereof, as an Engine has been placed at Greenwich Church fully adequate to answer every purpose, which was confirmed.

[15] On motion, Ordered that the Street Commissioner cause prosecutions to be commenced against such owners of lots on and near Beekman Slip, as have incurred penalties by not filling up these lots. And further, that the Street Commissioner prepare ordinances and

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. 367. 407.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Vol. 18. 466.*—ED.

present to the Board from time to time, as occasion shall require, to cause such lots to be filled and that prosecutions be commenced and the penalties exacted till the same be complied with.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 1.

Millard Coddington, Carman. v. John Green, resd

N° 8.

John Webber, Morocco leather dresser, v. Marselis Prior, do
Richard Speight, Painter. v. John Stillwell.

N° 15.

Anthony Rovil, vice Wood Furman, deceased.

N° 21.

Griffith P. Griffiths, Coachmaker, additional.
William Colgate, Tallow Chandler, do

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

N°	1082	Captain Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	$.276.36
	1083	" William Van Wart, do	276.36
	1084	" William Peterson. do	256.76
[16]	1085	" James Snow, do	256.76
	1086	" Thomas Darling. do	266.56
	1087	" Isaac Anderson. do	266.56
	1088	John Pintard, City Inspector, Salary	312.50
	1089	James Hardie, Assistant. do	62.50
	1090	Andrew Otterson, Assist. to St Commr do	52.
	1091	Edward Moran do do do	52.
	1092	Fredk Eckart, for carpenters work for Supt repairs	177.81
	1093	George McCamman, labour for do	25.
	1094	Joseph Boyd. carting. do	52.
	1095	Jacob Straut do do	52.
	1096	A. Girard, for Gunpowder, for 26th May	310.25
	1097	Arthur Smith, for Mason work at Alms House &ca	116.34
	1098	Jacob Berden, for well corner of Greenwich & Charles	24.
	1099	James Richardson do Amos & Charles	18.
	1100	Nathaniel Underhill, carting for docks	22.
	1101	Hugh O'Donnel, do for St Commr	5.50
	1102	Thomas Hazard, for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell	108.12
	1103	do for whipping Culprits & conveying convicts to Fort Columbus	27.
	1104	William Mooney. Supt of Alms House	2000.
	1105	Jacob Cholwell, for Contract for lighting Lamps	2000.
	1106	Samuel Torbert for do for filling Lots in Harman St	30.
	1107	John S. Hunn, expenses for filling Beekman Slip	116.98
	1108	John Simonds, raising ground around Duane Market	31.25
	1109	T. Anderson, for a pick Ax	9.93

[17] In Common Council. July 18th 1808

Present. Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs Assistants.
Peter Mesier	John Slidell
Samuel M. Hopkins	John W. Mulligan
Abraham King	Simon Van Antwerp
James Drake	Abraham Bloodgood
John Bingham	Thomas J. Campbell
John D. Miller	Stephen Ludlam
Jacob Mott	Samuel Torbert
Thurston Wood	Jasper Ward.
Nicholas Fish.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Petitions of *Christian Small Andrew Blank Charles P. Poinier Peter Underham, and Jeffery Bunce for remission of penalty for selling liquors without [18] licence, were referred to the Attorney with directions to stay proceedings till he reports.

†A Petition of George W. Chapman for the regulation of Thomas Street from Hudson to Chapel Street, and that measures may be adopted to prevent the injury done to the footwalks by Hogs running at large without rings in their noses, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th. Ward.

A Memorial of Robert Bogardus and others remonstrating against a Petition for repaving James Street from Bancker to Cherry Street, and praying that the proprietors may be individually ordered to repair the same before their respective lots, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of Andrew Blank and others complaining against certain sunken lots belonging to John R. Livingston near the corner of Broome and Essex Streets, was read and ordered to lie on the table, the subject have been provided for by Ordinances already past.

A Petition of James Ketcham for employment, was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

[19] A Petition of Ishmael Wilson, praying that he may be permitted to keep up a building that incumbers the corner of Christopher and Greenwich Streets, until the said Streets shall be regulated, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th. Ward.

A Communication from Richard Smith Deputy Clerk of the market, representing that several Butchers are in the practice of hawking and selling meat through this city, was referred to the Attorney with orders to prosecute the Offenders.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 106.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 76.*—ED.

A Memorial of William Cargill and Paul Vidal, lessees of the property in Bancker Street from Pearl to Chesnut Street, stating that in consequence of the present regulation of Bancker Street that their tenants have vacated said property and requesting indemnification for the injury sustained, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th. Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of Peter P. Van Zandt and others was read, praying that the foot walk in South Street between Burling Slip and Fly-market may be restricted to the width of Ten feet, as more convenient for the Warehouses, and that the carriageway be paved only to the extent of forty feet.

*Ordered that the footwalk along said Street [20] be laid out ten feet, and that what relates to the carriage way be referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and Pump, at the corner of Columbia and Bedford Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th ward and Superintendant of repairs, with power to grant.

A Petition of Robert Cuthbert for stand N° 7. Duane market, was referred to the Market Committee, who forthwith reported in favour of granting the prayer of the Petition, which was confirmed.

An invitation from Abel W. Hardenbrook to the Corporation to view a Model of a line of defence, projected by him, for the protection of this harbour, was referred to the Committee of defence.

Returns were received, agreeably to law, from the Trustees of the Free Schools of the First Baptist Church, and Scots Presbyterian Church and African Free School, which were ordered to be filed.

On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House.

Warrt N° 1121. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $.2000.

[21] The following report was presented.

†The Committee to whom was referred the draft of a conveyance of the present Arsenal, whenever the same shall revert to the Corporation, to the Trustees of the New York Free School Society, to determine the boundaries,

Report

That on mature deliberation Your Committee recommend that in conformity with the objects specified in the aforesaid grant, that this Corporation convey to the said Trustees so much of the public ground,

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 46.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 347.*—ED.

contiguous to the Arsenal, as may be comprehended in the following boundaries, viz[t]

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of said Arsenal, thence running along Chatham Street Ten feet; thence Northerly and parrallel with the Arsenal One hundred and Twenty feet; thence northwesterly at right Angles with Cross Street, as intended to be opened, to the easterly line of said Cross Street; thence North-easterly along Cross Street to the intersection of Tryon row; thence along Tryon row to the North easterly corner of the Arsenal and thence along the front of the Arsenal in Chatham Street to the place of beginning, agreeably to a Map of the premises accompanying this report.

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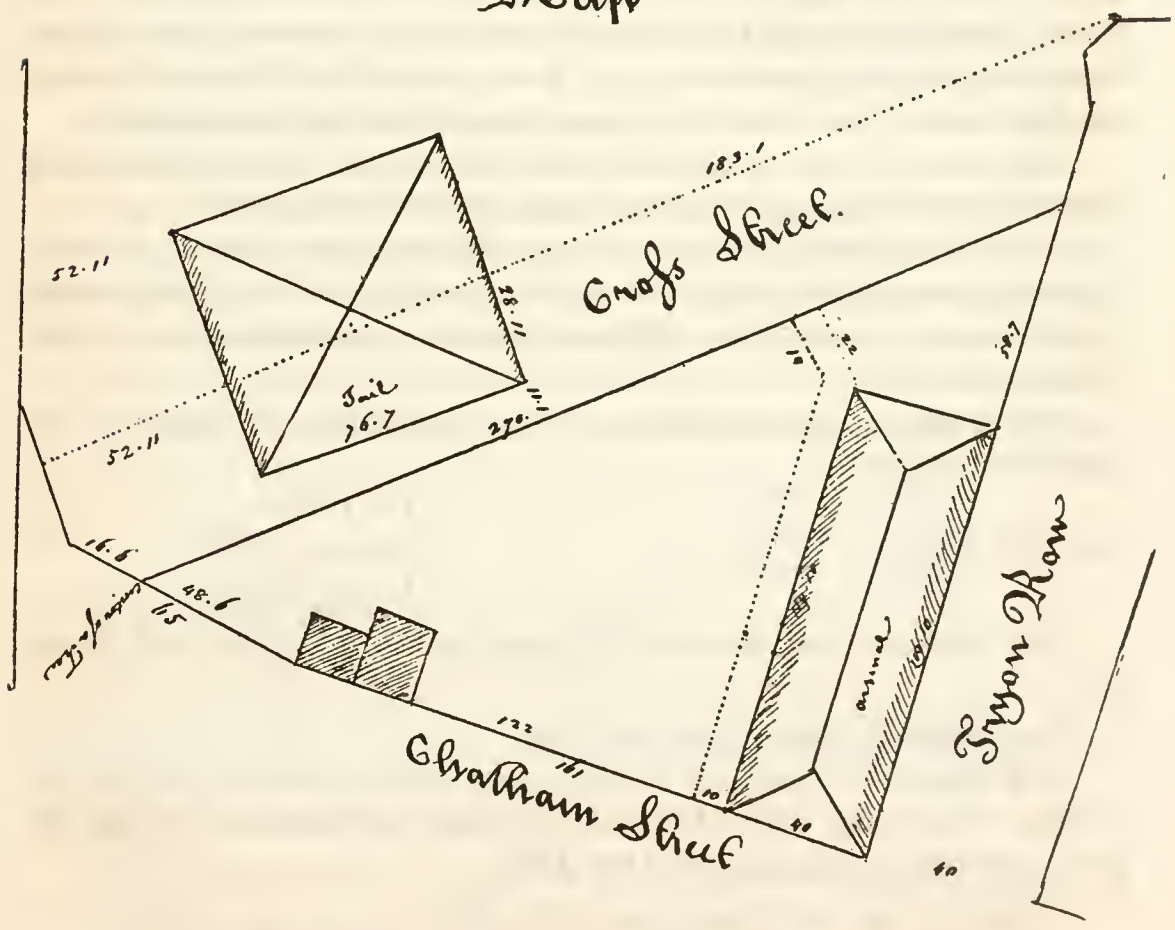
Ja[s] Drake
Jacob Mott.

[22] *Ordered that the same be confirmed.*

Map



*A further application of the Trustees of the New York Free School Society requesting that the Corporation, in any future disposition of the public ground, lying Westerly of the aforesaid grant, a restriction may be made to prevent the erecting of any building or storing any articles, within a reasonable distance of the line ceded to them, so as to hinder or obstruct the circulation of light and Air, was referred to the same Committee.

The following report was presented.

†The Committee on the complaint of the Commissioners of the Alms House and [23] Bridewell against the Superintendant of the Alms House

Report

That in pursuance of their appointment they met at the Alms House and requested of the Commissioners the particulars of their charges in writing.

That the Commissioners, through their Chairman, presented your Committee with a list of questions to be put to the Officers of the Alms House, which questions Your Committee herewith present. That Your Committee thought it proper to send a copy thereof to the Superintendant for his examination, and at the same time informed him of the time when Your Committee would proceed to their investigation.

That on the day appointed they met at the Alms House and Administered to each of the examinants the following oath.

" You do solemnly swear that you will true answers make to such " questions as shall be put to you by the Committee of the Corporation, " touching the conduct of William Mooney, Superintendant of the " Alms House."

The result of the inquiries of Your committee is herewith respectfully submitted.

Jas Drake
July. 18. 1808 Samuel Torbert
Jasper Ward.

[24] Ordered that the same lie over for consideration next Monday.

The following Report was presented.

‡The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Application of William Bruce the 23d. May last, soliciting a reduction of rent on his Water lot Granted the 1st Decr 1807.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 73.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See, Vol. 18. P. 436. See P. 61.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 18. P. 390.*—ED.

Report

That they deem it inexpedient and improper to make any alteration in the grant alluded to for the following reasons.

It is requested in Mr Bruce's Petition that he may be placed on the same footing with John Jacob Astor, who has property in that neighbourhood to a large amount; but it should be recollected that Mr Astor has not yet taken up his grants nor has the precise sum which he is to pay been finally adjusted. Besides Mr Astor's lots continue unimproved, while Mr Bruce has derived advantage from the improved state of his property. It would also be a dangerous precedent to make innovations on grants which are completed and on record. This would open a door for continual applications of the same nature; and would have a tendency to create litigations without end. [25] From a full view of the subject, the Committee are decidedly of opinion that no alteration should be made, and the request of Mr Bruce ought not to be complied with.

Abraham King
July. 18. 1808. Jasper Ward.
John Bingham.
Abm Bloodgood.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was presented.

*The Committee to whom was referred the papers of John Lawrence and Rufus King Esqrs relative to a certain †award of $1340. made by William Denning and Henry Wyckoff in favour of Lawrence and King, for difference of unchanged ground between them and the Corporation. Upon enquiring into the subject referred The Committee are of opinion that the award made as above stated ought to be confirmed by the Common Council.

John D. Miller
July. 18. 1808. Nichs Fish.
Stepn Ludlam.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the ‡communication of the Street Commissioner relative *relative* to Mr Piersons building beg leave to

Report

[26] That from the conduct of Mr Peirson it does not appear he

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 465.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *Vol. 18. P. 58.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 471.*—Ed.

intended any encroachment. That he early applied to the Street Commissioner to fix the line for his building; That Mr Loss accordingly made a survey of the ground, and hearing nothing further for a considerable interim, Mr Pierson concluded the line, as laid down by the surveyor, was correct and conformed his building thereto.

Your Committee however, with a view to ascertain as nearly as practicable the true line, extracted from the records the dimensions of the several grants, and on measuring the block on the North side of Water Street, from the House on the corner of Water and Broad Streets built by Mr Milliner in 1764, They found the building comprehended all the ground granted, except six inches which A. & F. Cortland's lots is entitled to in Coenties Slip, but on measuring the buildings on South Street, beginning at the Store tenanted by Isaac Seabring, they found fifteen inches of ground occupied more than the grants specify. The corner house built in 1764 above mentioned, and the corner store of Mr Delafield on South Street appear from every information your Committee could derive to have been marks from which the proprietors on both streets, in regulating their buildings, have measured; and Mr Piersons building on the corner of Front and [27] Broad Streets appears to range with a line drawn from these two points.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that, as it is not apparent any encroachment has been made, as the Street in this quarter is very wide, and as Mr Pierson's building is already finished three stories with brick and slate, it should be permitted to remain.

Which is submitted.

Peter Mesier
Simon Van Antwerp
Jno Slidell.

July. 18th 1808

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

*The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Rynder Street reported in favour of the Petition and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for regulating and paving said Street, which was confirmed.

The following report was presented.

†The Canal Committee to whom was referred the case of Thomas Duggan have again considered his claim, and finding the circumstances precisely the same as when they examined it before beg leave to refer

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 4. 63.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 435.*—Ed.

the Board to their *report of the 1st February last, with only this additional observation, that the distress and necessities of Mr Duggan have, in the interim, considerably [28] increased and now loudly demand a settlement.

Peter Mesier
Sam. M. Hopkins
July. 18. 1808. John Slidell
Thos J. Campbell
John W. Mulligan.

†Ordered that the same be referred to a special meeting of this Board to be held on Friday next.

The following report was presented.

‡The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Jacob Cholwell respecting the Lamps

Report

That they have taken into consideration the said Memorial and are of opinion that the Board should proceed and open the proposals agreeable to the advertisement and the person who will light the public lamps on the best terms should be accepted and for that purpose submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the person whose proposal is accepted be prepared to take charge of the public lamps on the 11th. day of August and that the present contractor continue till that time.

Samuel Torbert
July. 18. 1808. Simon Van Antwerp
Stepn Ludlam.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[29] The Comptroller presented the proposals which had been left at his Office for lighting the public Lamps, which were severally read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

||The Petition of James Abeel, praying for sundry alterations in his lease of Lot No 163. of the Common lands, having been referred to the Comptroller, he has the honor to present the following report.

As Oliver Vanderbilt, who purchased three lots at the same sale with Mr Abeel, had the §covenants, respecting digging out and paving the streets, leaving the premises in fence and not assigning them without leave, stricken out, by order of the Common Council; it appears

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 92.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 42.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 4.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 2.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17 P. 350.*—ED.

reasonable and just to extend the same alterations to the petitioner, with the exception of obtaining leave of the Corporation previous to assigning the property, which clause in all leases it is proper to retain, as many inconveniencies may arise from this salutary provision.

The Comptroller would therefore respectfully recommend, that Mr Abeel's be altered in the same manner as Mr Vanderbilts retaining the covenant which prevents an assignment without the leave and approbation of the [30] Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty first had and obtained.

All which is respectfully submitted

July. 18. 1808. G. N. Bleecker, Comptr

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

On the *Petition of John K. Furman for compensation, in the whole or part, for repairs of a house belonging to the Corporation and occupied by him in the year 1800, the Comptroller

Reported that the Board are not bound to make any allowance for repairs which Mr Furman may have made on the house occupied by him eight years since, and he now stands charged on the Books of the Corporation with $62.50 for house rent due the 1st May 1805. He therefore recommended that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted; which was confirmed.

†The Communication from the Loan Officers respecting a ballance of interest arising on George B. Ewarts Mortgage having been referred to the Comptroller at the last meeting of the Board, he presented the following

Report

That it appears from the representation of the Loan Officers, that agreeably to a law of the Legislature in 1792. this City and County will become liable for losses arising in the abovementioned business amounting to [31] near Seven Hundred Dollars, and as legal advice and assistance will be necessary to investigate the subject, for the benefit of the Corporation, it is respectfully suggested, that the Counsel and Attorney of the Board be directed to confer with the Loan Officers and take such measures as may be found expedient in behalf of this Board.

July. 18. 1808. G. N. Bleecker. Compr

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Comptroller on the ‡application of Gabriel Furman, in behalf of the widow of Theophilus Beekman deceased

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 3.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 5.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 5.*—ED.

Reported that a Bond given by the Corporation to Robert Gilmor has been regularly assigned to the said Beekman, and that the interest due thereon amounts to $.175.32 for which sum he recommended that a Warrant be issued.

Warrt Nº 1122. Ordered that a warrant be issued to Gabriel Furman accordingly.

The Attorney to whom was referred the *Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting a note given by William Houstoun for expenses on Lot Nº 639, on Bayards farm

Reported that from the statement of [32] the Street Commissioner there can be no doubt of the liability of the drawer of the note, to its payment, unless the Board have made the arrangement mentioned by the Stt Commissioner

Ordered that the subject be referred to the Counsel of this Board for his opinion whether the acceptance of the note has discharged the Lot in question from the operation of the law.

The Attorney to whom was referred the Petitions of Francis Fairbairn John Foster Stephen Smith Gilbert Angevine George Coburn John Davis and John Smiley for remission of penalties incurred for selling liquors without licence

Reported that on examination he considered them respectively entitled to the indulgence of the Common Council.

Ordered that as far as this Board is concerned that the Fines be remitted, the Petitioners paying the costs of prosecution.

A report from the Police Office that Captain Snow had dismissed Peter Austin [33] for sleeping on his post and being capped the 2d time, was referred to the Watch Committee.

†The Street Commissioner reported an Ordinance for filling and regulating Varick Street from Provost Street to North Moore Street which was passed, and Lewis Ford Joseph Board Arthur Smith John Sharp and Joseph Watkins were appointed Assessors.

On the recommendation of the Street Commissioner,

Warrt Nº 1123. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Charles Loss on account of his contract for surveying the grounds between Broadway and Varick Street, for $.100.

‡A report of the Street Commissioner on the application of the Commissioners for laying out Streets and roads, was referred to Aldermen Fish, Mott and Mr Ludlam.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 12. P. 60. 162.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 4.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 52.*—Ed.

The Street Commissioner represented that William Tabele, Assessor for Cross and other Streets, was prevented, by an accident, from serving.

Whereupon Stephen Burdett was appointed Assessor in his place.

[34] The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner is impressed with the necessity of appealing to the Common Council against several growing evils now in full practice in the city, in opposition to the direct orders of the Corporation, and which have already extended to such lengths as to baffle the exertions of the Street Commissioner to correct the past or prevent the evil consequences in future.

The laws of the Corporation are explicit that no post shall be put up in any part of the city, and yet we cannot extend the eye in any direction, within the view of the Shops, but we find that posts, mostly of rough scantling are stuck up in the walks to support an awning: and along Chatham Street although they are made smooth, yet they have so far counterballanced this act of neatness, as to cap them with rails and absolutely produce a fence along the Street. In other parts of the city they are continually erecting, and they are so done, in defiance of the orders of the Street Commissioner to the contrary. It would seem extremely partial to prosecute any one person for this infringement of the law, while hundreds of others have put up and still put up Posts unknown to the Street Commissioner, until [35] months after and others have been permitted to retain theirs for years. The Street Commissioner believes it is by no means necessary to use posts for the purpose of supporting awnings, for the method by rails and hooks from the houses answers all the purposes and looks much neater, and when the awning is removed the street is freed of an incumbrance, but the posts stand winter and Summer to annoy the eye and obstruct the passage.

The idea however has occurred to the subscriber that it would be an inconvenience to individuals to remove and alter the awnings they have now in use, and that if the Board are of opinion they ought to be permitted to remain during the present hot weather, that they direct them to be removed at some future day. The following resolution upon this subject is therefore proposed.

Resolved that no post for supporting an Awning or for any other purpose be erected in any part of the city, except scaffolding for building, after this day, and that the Street Commissioner is hereby

required to order the same to be removed or without partiality to prosecute for the fines in such case stipulated to be paid.

And Resolved further that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed publicly to notify all persons to remove any post or posts they may have erected or left in the streets of this [36] city on or before the first day of October next under the penalties of the fines by law established: And that the said Street Commissioner, without delay cause this resolution to be carried into effect.

It is acknowledged that the health of the city is endangered by stagnant water and it is certain that the substances which collect in the broken gutters are among the most offensive of these waters. It is therefore necessary to the health of the city that the gutters should be particularly attended to and kept, not only free from filth, but of a smooth and even surface, and particularly in streets where the descent is small. Notwithstanding the importance of this subject, a practice for some time prevailed of taking up the gutters, raising them above their intended regulation and thereby stop the course of the water, greatly to the annoyance of the passenger. In addition to this several individuals have raised the Streets opposite their lots several inches above other parts of them, which destroy the uniformity of the curve or arch and throw the water upon their neighbours. These evils have been noticed by many members of the Board and require remedy. The incompetency of persons frequently employed to pave the streets and gutters and their disposition to oblige their employers, at any rate, are among the causes of this complaint: [37] and it appears to the subscriber that this evil cannot be corrected, unless the Street Commissioner or some other person be delegated with the power to adjust the whole of the gutters in all streets of a descent not more than one and half inches on ten feet.

If this idea should prevail it will perhaps be adviseable to pass the following resolution.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby empowered, whenever a gutter in any street of this city with a descent of not more than one and half inches on ten feet shall require to be repaired, to employ a fit and competent person so to repair it at the expense of the owner or owners of the respective lots fronting thereon; and if in his opinion it is necessary to lay the same with flat stone, to preserve a uniform descent and even surface.

In addition to the above the Street Commissioner has to state that the practice of carrying out the steps farther into the street than the law allows, prevails so generally that scarcely a building is now

put up, which he is not obliged to notice in this respect: And that the general answer is, that when other Stoops are removed, which project into the Street, they will remove theirs. The Board will therefore see the propriety of some specific instructions on this subject also.

Which is respectfully submitted.

July. 18. 1808. John S. Hunn.

[38] Ordered that the same be referred to Messrs Ludlam Campbell and Mulligan.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner has been informed by Mr Barrow that Mr Anthony Bowrowson is still proceeding with his building and has now carried the chimney nearly to the roof, and that he refuses to stop, stating that he has nothing to do with the Corporation. That this circumstance has been communicated to the Vestry of Trinity Church and that they requested him to solicit the Corporation to proceed to open the Street without delay.

Mr Bowrowson has never executed the *paper agreed upon by his agent to remove the buildings at his expense, nor will he do it, after his house is finished. The Street Commissioner therefore recommends that the Attorney be directed immediately to issue precepts to open the Street, as †formerly agreed upon by the Board, as no dependance can be placed upon the word, integrity or honesty of Mr Bowrowson, for he has taken in part of the adjoining lots, as well as part of the street, in his late enclosure [39] which are conspicuously portrayed upon the accompanying Map.

July. 18. 1808. J. S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The City Inspector to whom was referred the ‡Petition of John A. Graham and others respecting the adoption of measures "to secure "the tranquillity of our Citizens from the fears and dangers to be ap- "prehended from canine animals being suffered to go at large."

Reported that, in his opinion the "Law concerning Dogs" contains every provision that is essential on this subject.

Which was confirmed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances, for the purpose of correcting nuisances, from N° 4376 to N° 4385. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

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* Marginal note reads *Vol. 18. 440.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See, Vol. 18. P. 401.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 2.*—Ed.

Aldermen Drake, King and Mr Slidell were appointed a *Committee to †confer with the Governors of the New York Hospital on the subject of receiving the maniacs and lunatics in the Alms House.

Ordered that the Committee on the Collect adopt such measures as they may judge expedient to prepare the soil taken out thereof into peat for fuel

[40] John Boyce Gilbert Seaman Phineas Underwood Isaac Cornwell and William Alstine were respectively appointed additional Fence viewers.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

	N° 11		
Arthur Berryhill,	vice	Solomon Schureman,	resd
	N° 28		
John Lownsbury.	"	Joel Holden	do
William Gilmore	"	Joseph Waldron	do
	N° 31.		
Elias Dixon, Carpenter	"	Elijah Haines	do
Lawrence White, Mason	"	Adolph Brower,	do
Daniel Lane, Tobacconist.	"	John Anderson,	do

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 1110	James Horner, for digging & repairing Wells	.....	$.15.75
1111	Van Beuren & Schoonmaker, for Powder for 4. July	.....	200.25
1112	G. & D. Buck do do	.....	65.13
1113	Barthw Skaats, for Bellring do	.....	25.50
1114	Samuel L. Whitlock, preparing Ammunition do	.....	80.75
1115	Wandle Van Antwerp, Lime for public buildings	.....	9.84
1116	Edward Meeks, repairing Lamps	.....	220.12
[41]1117	Jacob De la Montagnie, special Justice Police saly	.....	250.
1118	Joshua Barker do do	.....	250.
1119	Bernard Oblenis, Clerk to do do	.....	250.
1120	Beekman Van Beuren, repairs to roads	.....	1007.65
1121.	William Mooney Supt Alms House	.....	2000.
1122	Gabriel Furman, for estate of Theophs Beekman interest on bond to Rob. Gilmor	.....	175.32
1123	Charles Loss on acct of surveying grounds between Broadway & Varick St	.....	100.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 112.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 51.*—Ed.

[42] In Common Council. July 22d 1808

Present. Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esqr Recorder.

Peter Mesier	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John Slidell	Assistants.
Samuel M. Hopkins		John W. Mulligan	
Abraham King		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake		Abraham Bloodgood	
Jacob Mott		Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood		Stephen Ludlam	
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward	
		Samuel Kip.	

*The Report of the Canal Committee on the case of Thomas Duggan was read.

The following Resolution was offered by Alderman Mesier

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board be directed to sue out precepts to summon a jury or juries to assess the damages which will [43] be due for the lands comprehended in Canal Street, not already ceded and accepted of, until it reaches the high water mark: and that the Street Commissioner be authorized to receive and report proposals for cessions of the land to be so taken.

The following amendment was offered by Mr Ward,

Resolved that the Street Commissioner proceed and get the owners of the ground, thro' which Canal Street shall run, to sign an instrument agreeing to wait, not exceeding five years, for the monies that may be due by virtue of the assessment thereon for the purpose of opening the Street, and that the Attorney &ca

Which, a division being called, passed in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative		Negative	
Aldermen	King	Aldermen	Mesier
	Drake		Hopkins
	Mott		Fish
	Wood	[44] Messrs	Slidell
Messrs	Bloodgood		Mulligan
	Campbell		Van Antwerp
	Ludlam		Kip.
	Ward		

The question being taken upon the resolution it passed with the amendment as follows.

†Resolved that the Street Commissioner proceed and get the owners of the ground through which Canal Street shall run to sign an

* Marginal note reads *See P. 27.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 142.*—Ed.

instrument agreeing to wait, not exceeding five years, for the monies that may be due by virtue of the assessment thereon for the purpose of opening the Street; and that the Attorney of the Board be directed to sue out precepts to summon a jury or juries to assess the damages which will be due for the lands comprehended in Canal Street, until it reaches high water mark, not already ceded and accepted of.

On application the transfer of the lease of Lot N° 79. Common lands from Martin Hoffman to Jasper Ward, was approved.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Columbia Street, for additional Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

*The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Tierney and associates reported, that the delay of which the petitioners complain is occasioned by an omission in [45] *in* payment on the part of Oliver Jacques Collector, except as to compensation for the extra expense occasioned by widening Magazine Street, which will be provided for by an Assessment agreeably to a †report of a Committee on the award of Mrs Lynch's property, the Committee therefore recommended that Mr Jacques be requested by the Street Commissioner to settle his accounts with the Corporation as Collector on the aforesaid streets, which was confirmed.

The Street Commissioner represented that he duly served a notice on Mr John McKie to fill up and make the half of North Moore Street agreeably to the Order of the Board. That the time in which he was directed to perform the work has long since expired and that he had not in any particular complied with the order. That in consequence the passage to the wharf is not only obstructed by his timber but that his neglect to fill in his half of the street has caused almost the whole of the Street opposite his waters to wash away and the earth to run upon his ground.

The Street Commissioner submitted whether he should direct a prosecution to inforce compliance with the order and at the same time remarked that, in his opinion, no other method would produce the effect desired.

Ordered that the Street Committee institute a suit accordingly.

[46] On the representation of the Street Commissioner that he was offered about 1000 feet of blue Curb Stone and flagging at about 30 ℔.ct lower than the current price, which would be useful for mending the public walks

Ordered that he be authorized to purchase the same.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 1.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 451.*—ED.

Ordered that the foot walk along South Street, between Burling Slip and Flymarket, be laid out Twelve feet wide instead of Ten Feet, as mentioned in a former *Order of this Board.

[47] In Common Council. July. 25th 1808.

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Peter Mesier Samuel M. Hopkins Abraham King James Drake John Bingham Jacob Mott	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John Slidell John W. Mulligan Simon Van Antwerp Abraham Bloodgood Thomas J. Campbell Stephen Ludlam Jasper Ward. — Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meetings were read and approved.

Petitions of William Lorton Small and John Elsworth for remission of penalties incurred for selling liquors without licence, were referred to the Attorney.

A Petition of Francis White Junr to be permitted to occupy the Stand No 2. Hudson Market, lately occupied by his Father, was granted.

[48] A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and Pump between Hester and Pump Street on the west side of Bowery lane, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward and the Superintendant of repairs, with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Memorial of Burdett Stryker Lessee of the Flymarket ferry representing that the Slip at Brooklyne is so choaked up with sand and mud as to render the access of the ferry boats to the ferry stairs extremely difficult, and requesting that the same may be cleared, was referred to the Ferry Committee, with power to cause the same to be done.

Ordered that the same Committee cause the Slip at Brooklyne opposite Catherine market to be likewise cleared out if requisite.

A Petition from the Lexipolemic Society for the privilege of a room in the City Hall to meet in, was granted.

A Memorial of sundry inhabitants of the Seventh Ward for an additional Watch stand at the Foot of Hester and Division Streets was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Communication from Mr Hardie, together with the draft of an

* Marginal note reads *See P. 19.*—ED.

Ordinance regulating the keeping of Swine in this City, was *referred to [49] the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Mr Hardie also submitted the draft of *of* a Law

†" Respecting cleansing and ventilating cellars and other places which may become receptacles for stagnant water."

Which was passed and ordered to be published in the public papers employed by this Board.

The City Treasurer presented his annual account of payments made by orders of the Common Council, from the tax granted in 1807. and from other grants made by the Legislature, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to empower the Treasurer, under the Common Seal of this Corporation, to receive the dividends due on their shares in the Stock of the Manhattan Company.

The Finance Committee presented the following report.

The Finance Committee having taken into consideration the State of the Treasury, the quantity of warrants remaining unpaid and the vast improvements continually going on, and that the income of the Corporation will not be sufficient to meet the current demands at present; they therefore recommend the [50] following resolution.

Resolved that the Mayor, in behalf of the Common Council, borrow from the Manhattan Company Ten Thousand Dollars, payable within four months @ 6. ℔r cent per annum, and that he also be authorized to affix the seal of the Common Council to a Bond for the said debt.

July. 25. 1808.

Abraham King
Jas Drake
Abm Bloodgood
Jasper Ward.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Committee on wharves, slips and piers presented the following report.

‡The Committee on Wharves Slips and Piers to whom was referred the Memorial of Robert Bowne and others, proprietors of the Wharf and piers situate between the Flymarket and Coffee House Slip

Report

That they have had a conference with John Murray Junr Robert Bowne and Captain Lovett, represented to be a Committee of all the owners of the pier on the Southwest side of Flymarket Slip, and have

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 123.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *Vide Laws P. 33.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 18. P. 449. Vol. 20. P. 26.*—Ed.

offered to sell to the Corporation for a public Slip the one half of the Pier with all their ground on the North east side, for the sum of Six Thousand Dollars cash [51] or they will take a Bond, payable in two years with lawful interest. The wharfage at the end of the pier to belong exclusively to the owners of the Pier on the South west side, the wharf to be kept in repair at the joint expence of the Corporation and the owners of the wharf on the South west side, and Your Committee, after due deliberation, recommend to the Board to buy the one half of the aforesaid Pier.

They therefore offer to the Board the following resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner make out, in conjunction with the owners of the aforesaid Pier, a proper deed comprehending all the ground on the Northeast side of said Pier, with the one half of said pier properly executed and then this Board will execute to the said proprietors a bond for the same payable in two years from the acceptance of the deed, with lawful interest for the same.

Jas Drake
July. 25. 1808. Jacob Mott
Abraham King.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

*The Committee appointed to confer with the Governors of the New York Hospital,

Reported that they have had a conference with a Committee of the said Governors on the subject of their appointment, and that the Governors have [52] concluded to charge two Dollars per week for paupers admitted into the Assylum for maniacs, and to provide them with cloathing, bedding and all other expenses, which charge it is presumed will be the real cost for maintaining said paupers: and if after the 1st day of May next it shall appear from their accounts that said paupers shall cost more or less, in such case that the aforesaid price shall be raised or reduced as the case may be. The Committee, considering the charge reasonable, recommended that arrangements should be made with the Governors of the New York Hospital for the reception of such paupers in the Alms House as may be fit objects for the Assylum: which was confirmed.

†The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner on the application of the Commissioners for laying out

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 39.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See, P. 33.*—ED.

Streets and roads, presented the same, together with their report thereon, as follows.

The Communication from Gouverneur Morris in behalf of the Commissioners respecting the situation and bounds of such Streets and roads as are within the meaning of the act to be understood as "opened and accepted" by the Common Council, having been referred to the Street Commissioner he has the honor thereon to make the following report:

The draft of the Bill for the [53] appointment of Commissioners to lay out the north part of the island, originated in a special Committee of the Common Council to which the Street Commissioner was attached. As the Bill was passed into a law nearly verbatim and with immaterial alterations, it may not be improper to state some of the reasons which induced the Committee to add the prohibitory clause alluded to in the communication from Mr Morris.

The Corporation were proprietors of a large tract of land called the Commons, which they had many years before laid out at a great expense in straight and spacious streets, at suitable distances from and at right angles from each other. The squares formed by the intersection of those streets they had alternately sold and leased, with an express condition that the Streets by which the Square were bounded should remain as Public Streets. It was hardly to be expected therefore that the Board would relinquish the power they possessed of retaining these streets of their intended position and width; for any deviation would seriously affect the public interest and the Committee were of opinion, that no alterations could materially improve that district of the island.

The Common Council had but a very short time previous to the preparing of the Bill, also laid out their grounds at Inclenberg into half acre lots forming squares bounded by straight and spacious streets, and had sold the said squares with the express [54] condition that the Streets should forever be kept open as public Streets. The Committee thought it adviseable to retain these streets in the position, without any alteration; and the same reasons were considered conclusive with respect to the lots sold by the Corporation upon Hamilton square.

The Committee were well persuaded that the Common Council had taken great pains to survey and lay out, to widen and straighten sundry other great and leading roads upon the island, and had spent considerable sums of money to effect these important objects, which after mature consideration they had adopted: That they had directed the proper officers to procure cession and take legal measures for open-

ing the said roads and that their operations were then progressing. They were therefore of opinion that the Streets and roads so surveyed, adopted and confirmed by the Common Council, ought not to be rejected or altered nor the opportunity of obtaining a gratuitous cession of any part of them prevented.

The Commissioners of forfeitures laid out into Streets and Squares all the grounds along the East river which became the property of the State by the attainder of James Delancey Esq^{r} and sold the squares bounded by such streets. Some of these Streets run over the South boundary mentioned in the act, but as the State had conveyed all their right to the Streets in the City of [55] New York to the Corporation, the Committee conceived that it might be fairly inferred that these streets, as far as the North line of M^{r} Delanceys farm, ought of right to remain undisturbed in their direction and perhaps in their breadth.

In addition to the above it may be observed that the adoption of these surveys by the Common Council and the working of the roads by their directions were circumstances well known to many persons who possessed property on the island which became affected by them, and the Committee were well convinced, that relying upon the good faith of the Corporation, considerable purchases had been made, bounded by the Streets and roads so laid out and adopted, which would be materially injured by any alteration of them.

Influenced by these reasons, and anxious to prevent as much as possible any measure of the Corporation, by which they might be charged with inconsistency, the Committee thought it adviseable to make the reserve mentioned, and however ambiguous it may have been expressed in the Bill, the Street Commissioner believes it was the intention of every member of the Committee, thereby to include "all the Streets "and Roads surveyed, laid out, adopted and confirmed" by the Common Council previous to the passage of the Act: And when it is considered that the Board revised [56] the Bill with great attention, and admitted this clause without any alteration, it may reasonably be concluded that they were unanimously of the same opinion. For if it were otherwise they would be recommending a measure that would injure their purse, hazard their integrity, and embarrass their operations.

The Streets and roads comprised within the views of the Committee and running in a northerly and Southerly direction may be enumerated as follows.

1st The Streets between the Bowery to the East river on Delanceys ground.

2d The Bowery road from North Street to the fork of the Bloomingdale and old post roads.

3d Broadway from Art Street to the Bowery road.

4th The Bloomingdale road from the termination of the Bowery road to Steuben Street.

5th The Old post road from the fork of the Bloomingdale road to the South line of the ground sold by the Corporation to Thomas Buchannan.

6th Albany Avenue, formerly called West road, from the old Post road to the Harlem line.

7th Boston Avenue, formerly called the East road, from the North line of the aforesaid ground sold to Mr Buchannan to Harlem line.

[57] 8th Manhattan Avenue, formerly called the Middle road, from the old Post road through Harlem town to Coles' bridge.

9th Hamilton Avenue, from the Street South of the lots on Hamilton square to Harsin's Cross road hereafter mentioned.

10th Orchard Street, intended to be called Harlem Avenue, from North Street 70 feet wide to Mr Winthrops gate, and from the South of Hamilton Square to the Harlem line. and

11th Hudson Avenue, from Governor Clintons place near Greenwich to the intersection of Harsin's Cross road and Bloomingdale road near the seat of Lieut Governor Broome.

The Streets and roads running in an easterly and westerly direction are as follows.

1st The Streets running from the Bowery to the East river on Delanceys ground.

2d The Streets laid out by the Corporation from the Bloomingdale road to Manhattan Avenue for the sale of the lots at Inclenberg.

3d Steuben Street, formerly called Bridgens Cross road, from the old post road to Hudson river.

4th Harsins Cross road, from the old post road, now called Harlem Avenue to the Hudson river.

[58] 5th All the Streets on the Commons laid out by Mr Goerck for the sale of that property.

6th. Hamilton Square, 250 feet wide from Harlem to Boston avenues, and

7th *Manhattan Street, as laid out by Mr Loss from Hudson river to Manhattan Avenue in Harlem town.

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* Marginal note reads *A cession for part of this ground has been actually made from Bloomingdale to Mollinen on the Kingsbridge road.*—ED.

The Street Commissioner has here to remark, that none of the above enumerated Streets and roads, within the district of the Commissioners, are to be less than Sixty feet in breadth, and that the probability exists that they will not materially interfere with any general plan which the Commissioners may offer *may offer* for the public good.

It will be easily conceived by the Gentlemen of the Board that a precise description of the bounds and landmarks required by the Commissioners would be too voluminous to become part of this report, and that even a fair description of them on paper would not answer the purpose.

The Street Commissioner therefore believes it only necessary upon this subject to observe, that the Surveys made by Mr Goerck upon the Commons were effected through thickets and swamps, and over rocks and hills where it was almost impossible to produce accuracy in the mensuration. That the lines, as portrayed on Mr Goercks map, were intended to be straight [59] and the Streets of uniform widths: that the Cross Streets were intended to be Sixty feet in width and Two hundred feet from each other, and that there are no other methods left to ascertain the true position of these Cross Streets, than to measure the ground from Bridgens road, now called Steuben Street, where the surveys on the Commons first began. The Street Commissioner is of opinion that the fences on the Commons are not in any instance to be considered as a boundary of the road, as they have all been set up by individuals without consulting the Common Council, and are in many instances known to be incorrect.

With respect to the other roads mentioned in this report, it may be sufficient to say that such surveys have been made of them as to leave no difficulty in pointing out the land marks upon the ground. This circumstance being mentioned to Mr Dewitt, he has requested the Subscriber to accompany him for that purpose, which will be cheerfully complied with if it should meet the approbation of the Common Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

July 18, 1808. John S. Hunn, St Comr

The Committee to whom was referred the preceding communication of the Street Commissioner

Report

That the circumstances [60] and facts related by the Street Commissioner are in substance true, and they agree that the roads and Streets enumerated by him are within the meaning of the Act, except

Orchard Street, Hudson Avenue and Manhattan Street from the old Kingsbridge road to Harlem. The operations by the Common Council have not in the opinion of the Committee been such as actually to include these Streets among those intended by the clause in the Act.

The Committee therefore recommend that the above report of the Street Commissioner be confirmed, with the exception of the Streets abovementioned, and that they be left at the discretion of the Commissioners.

July. 25. 1808.

Jacob Mott
Step^{n} Ludlam.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

*The Counsel to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the Note due by M^{r} Houstoun reported that in his opinion the acceptance of said note did not discharge M^{r} Houstoun from his responsibility nor his property from the lien attached thereon by law.

Ordered that the subject be referred to Mess^{rs} Bloodgood Slidell and Campbell.

[61] The Attorney to whom was referred the Petitions of Peter Underham Andrew Blank Catherine Van Order Charles P. Poinier Jeffery Bunce William Greyson Michael Mentin Patrick M^{c}Claskey James Palmer Ann E. Gilbert and Dennis Scally for remission of penalties for selling liquors without licence,

Reported that on examination he considered them respectively entitled to the indulgence of this Board.

Ordered that as far as this Corporation is concerned that the fines be remitted, the Petitioners paying the costs of prosecution.

†The Report of the Committee on the complaint of the Commissioners of the Alms House against the Sup^{t} of the Alms House was called up and discussed.

M^{r} Ward offered the following resolution which was lost.

[62] Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell have the power of suspending any of the Officers of the Alms House for improper conduct.

Whereupon the following resolution was offered

Resolved that it does not appear from the report of the Committee on the complaint of the Commissioners of the Alms House against the Superintendant, that the Common Council ought further to interfere on the subject of said complaint.

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 12. 31. 162.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 22.*—ED.

Which, a division being called, passed in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative				Negative	
Aldermen	Mesier	Messrs	Slidell	Alderman	Hopkins
	King		Van Antwerp	Messrs	Mulligan
	Drake		Campbell		Bloodgood
	Bingham		Ludlam		Ward.
	Mott				

[63] *The Street Commissioner reported the draft of an Ordinance for repaving part of Rynder and Hester Streets which was passed, and Henry Eagle John A. Crolius John Fash Stephen Bourdett and Jacob Peterson were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquent lots on the Assessment for regulating Norfolk Street between Broome and Stanton Streets.

Lots. No	1567	6.75
	1566	6.75
	1565	6.75
	1564	6.75
		$27.

Warrt No 1140 Ordered that a warrant for Twenty seven Dollars be issued in favour of John S. Hunn. to discharge sd Assessment to operate as lien on said Lots.

Aldermen King Bingham and Mr Mulligan were appointed a Committee to take the subject of recovering monies due, by way of lien, on vacant lots, into consideration.

The Comptroller presented the following Communication.

The Comptroller respectfully recommends that Samuel Hutchins who formerly leased of the Corporation the 1st 2d & 3d districts for gathering manure, be authorized to collect [64] such sums of money as are still outstanding for the same.

It appears that Mr Hutchins was recommended for this business by Mr Romaine former Comptroller, and he has handed in a list of debts owing by sundry persons for manure sold during the superintendance of Henry Remmey, some of these accounts it is supposed may be recovered, if said Hutchins is empowered by the Board to prosecute in their behalf.

The direction of the Board is therefore respectfully solicited, as

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 27.*—ED.

their sanction appears necessary, previous to a resort to legal measures in order to effect a settlement.

July. 25th 1808. G. N. Bleecker. Compt^r

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances, for the purpose of correcting Nuisances, from N° 4386. to N° 4394. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Resolved that Provost Street from Hudson Street to the east side of the lot belonging to John Charters be paved, in such manner as the Alderman and Assistant of the ward and the Street Commissioner shall direct: [65] and that the Street Commissioner be directed to present the draft of an Ordinance for that purpose.

The following persons were appointed Additional Firemen to N° 30. the Chief Engineer certifying the propriety of the measure.

Jonathan Woolsey, Carman, Mulberry S^t 6th Ward
Allen Frost, Shoemaker, Grand S^t 10th
George Howard, Ropemaker, Stanton S^t d°
Andrew Stout, Carman, Pump S^t d°
John Berryman, Cabinetmaker, Henry S^t 7th
Eli Everitt. House Carpenter. Orchard S^t 10th

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay

N° 1124.	Capt Nichs Lawrence....City watch.....		$276.36
1125	" William Van Wart d°		276.36
1126	" William Peterson d°		256.76
1127	" James Snow d°		256.76
1128	" Thomas Darling d°		266.56
1129	" Isaac Anderson d°		266.56
1130	Saml B. Waldron, Overseer of roads.....		374.49
1131	James Hogan, for repairing intersecns of Streets.....		57.
1132	O'Neil & Lee, repairing Wells.....		48.87
1133	Matthew Dikeman, d° Pumps.....		32.62
1134	Peter Burtsell, Stationary for City Inspecr.....		41.37
1135	d° d° St Commr.....		15. 7
1136	James Cheetham, Subscription for Citizen.....		37.50
[66]1137	Benjn Westervelt, for lime.....		17.87
1138	John Sharp, for timber for Supt repairs.....		537.24
1139	David King, for public dinner, 4th July.....		660.
1140	John S. Hunn, for Assest on delinquent lots in Norfolk St to operate as lien.....		27.

Ordinances were passed for filling sunken lots on the North side of Stanton Street.

[67] In Common Council, August 8th 1808.

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire Mayor

Samuel M. Hopkins Abraham King James Drake John Bingham Jacob Mott Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs John W. Mulligan Simon Van Antwerp Abraham Bloodgood Thomas J. Campbell Stephen Ludlam Samuel Torbert Jasper Ward Samuel Kip

Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

*A Memorial of the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church in this city setting forth a claim to the whole of Nassau Street situate between the Old City Hall and the property of Charles Gardner in Wall Street, occupied by David King, and to part of the ground on which the west end of the City Hall stands, as described in a Map accompanying said [68] Memorial, was referred to the Counsel of the Board and Street Commissioner.

†A Petition of Jacob Mc Keag, lessee of Horn's Hook Ferry, praying that the road leading thereto may be improved, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

Petitions of Henry Helferty Thomas Dick and John Boardman for remission of penalty incurred for selling liquor without licence, were referred to the Attorney.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Magazine Street setting forth that the Contractor has not completed paving said Street and praying that he may be compelled to finish the same, was referred to Alderman Bingham King, and Mr Ludlam.

‡A Petition of William Chivvis and others praying that a piazza may be constructed in front of Spring Market, similar to that at Duane market, was referred to the Market Committee.

||A Memorial of Cornelius J. Bogert and Andrew Stockholm, remonstrating against [69] the suits instituted against them for not fulfilling the Ordinance for raising their lots in Magazine Street, was referred to Messrs Ludlam Van Antwerp, and Mulligan.

A further Memorial of John K. Furman on the subject of his claim for certain repairs to the room over the Watch House was referred to the Comptroller.

A Memorial of Adam Fink, requesting permission to relinquish his

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 240. P. 311.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 149.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 121.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 92.*—Ed.

Stall in Oswego Market in favour of his nephew Augustus Fink, was referred to the Market Committee.

*A Petition of Joseph Graff occupant of stand N° 28. Flymarket and Richard Foord, occupant of stand N° 31. Hudson market to be permitted to interchange Stands, was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Hannah Cation, widow, praying to be relieved from the execution of the Ordinance for filling her lot in Broadway between Broome and Spring Streets, in consequence of a large family and her necessitous circumstances, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[70] A Memorial of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and pump, at the corner of Gilbert and Herring Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Superintendant of repairs, with power to grant on the usual terms.

†A Petition of Lois Keefe, lessee of the Flagstaff at the Battery, setting forth her distressed situation and praying an abatement or modification of the terms, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Gilmore to be appointed Weighmaster, was referred to the Committee on applications for offices.

A Petition of Abner Conklin, administrator of Hugh Kelly dec[d] claiming a ballance due his estate for regulating Bullock Street, was referred to the ‡Committee on his former Petition Alderman Hopkins chairman.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity, praying that a mound of earth, which obstructs the water course at the intersection of Mulberry Street and Broadway, may be removed, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of Jeronimus Riker and other heirs of Dorothy Riker requesting [71] payment of $3075. the amount of damages awarded by a Jury in 1806. for ground taken and a blacksmiths Shop removed for improving Burling Slip was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William Wright requesting permission to pave before his property in Bayard Street immediately, as the same is subject to be washed away by heavy rains, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th. Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Communication from the President of the Manhattan Company, proposing that the interest due on the Bonds of this Corporation should be received by said Company at the same time that the dividends are

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 121.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 104.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 72.*—ED.

paid on the shares of this Board in the Manhattan Company, was read and approved.

An application of Abraham Russel in behalf of M^rs^ Startin, for permission to build a vault before her premises in Broadway, was granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House,

Warr^t^ N° 1172. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour, on account of the Alms house and Bridewell for $5000.

[72] On application of Jacob Cholwell contractor for lighting the public Lamps.

Warr^t^ N° 1173. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $.2000.

On application of the Building Committee

Warr^t^ N° 1174. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles for $.2000.

The Mayor laid before the Board a letter from Josiah Shippey Jun^r^ Clerk to the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell, inclosing the Commissions of Mess^rs^ Few Mills Warner Arcularius, and Bonnett who decline acting any longer as Commissioners.

Ordered that their resignations be accepted.

Ordered that the Committee on the Subject of the Alms House, report, at the next meeting of this Board, the names of persons who may be suitable and qualified to be appointed Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell.

[73] *The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell on the petition of the Clerk for an increase of his Salary;

Reported that One hundred Dollars be added to his salary for his services as Clerk to the Commissioners of the Alms House, during their continuance in office.

Ordered that the same lie for consideration.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the proposals for lighting the public lamps,

Reported that on examining the several proposals they are of opinion that Jacob Cholwell is entitled to the contract at the rate of $9.^{5}\%_{00}$ p^r^ lamp.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Comptroller prepare a Bond with Security to the amount of Three thousand Dollars, to be executed by said Cholwell, for performance of his contract.

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* Marginal note reads *See. P. 8. 163.*—ED.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the *application of the Trustees of the Free School Society of the City of New York on the subject of preventing obstructions to the light of the windows [74] of the Building that is to be appropriated to the use of said Society for a School house, represent that on a deliberate investigation of the subject and considering the importance of the institution connected with the benefits that will in all probability result from the improvements in the morals and education of a large portion of the poor children of our city, in which the Corporation are materially interested, in consideration of which the Committee are of opinion that all reasonable encouragement ought to be afforded to the said Society to induce them to improve and repair the said building so that it may be both useful and ornamental to the city and likewise afford the most ample accommodations for the education of those who are so unfortunate as to be dependant on the public for their learning: And at the same time being desirous to preserve unimpaired, as far as may be practicable, to the city, every source of revenue that may be affected by the subject.

Under these considerations, it is the opinion of the Committee that it will be adviseable to guaranty to the said Society that no building or other article shall be erected or put up during the time the said building shall be occupied for the purposes of education, that shall be more than twelve feet in height on so much [75] of the ground adjacent to the ground lately ceded to the said Society and lying on the westerly side thereof as is contained between a line drawn thirty three feet from the present arsenal and parallel therewith, extending from Chatham Street to the contemplated line of Cross Street, and the line of the ground lately ceded to the said Society on the eastwardly and westwardly sides and the line of Chatham Street and the contemplated line of Cross Street, on the southwardly and northwardly sides. Except reserving to the Corporation and their assigns the right and privilege to erect a building or buildings on that part of said ground which fronts on Chatham Street and extending thirty feet in depth along the ground lately ceded to the said Free School Society provided such building or buildings shall not exceed twelve feet in height to the foot of the rafters nor more than twenty feet to the top thereof nor extend more than thirty feet back from the Street.

And whereas it is probable that, at some period not far distant, Chamber Street will be extended to Chatham Street, by which means the Street called Tryon row will become nearly useless and will likely be

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 22.*—ED.

shut up, in which case buildings may probably be erected so as to obstruct the light on that side of the said school house. To prevent which the Committee further recommend that the Corporation secure [76] similar privileges to the said Society on that side of the present Arsenal as they have recommended on the other side thereof which privileges to take effect in case the said street shall be shut up.

All which is submitted.

Jacob Mott
Stepⁿ Ludlam
Jaˢ Drake.

August. 8th 1808.

Whereupon Resolved that a *deed be made out to the Free School Society of New York conformably to the †draft heretofore reported by the counsel of the Board and containing the ‡Boundaries lately agreed to and also containing covenants and stipulations as mentioned in the preceding report, and that the Mayor be authorized to affix the Seal of this Corporation thereto.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward, to whom was referred the ||Petition of George W. Chapman for the regulation of Thomas Street,

Reported in favour of the same and that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an §Ordinance for repaving Thomas Street from Chapel to Hudson Street, in conformity with the plan proposed by him.

The following communication was presented.

[77] The Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward represent to the Board, that in their opinion Reed Street from Washington Street to the line of West Street and Jay Street from Greenwich Street to the west side of Washington Street are real nuisances and that as large floods of water pass through these Streets, it will not in their opinion be adviseable to wait for a petition to pave them, and that the nuisance cannot be corrected by sand only. They therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to present Ordinances for paving the Carriage way of the above mentioned Streets without delay.

They further represent that the Canal in Chapel Street is continually filled and obstructed by the earth washing therein and that it is adviseable that an Ordinance also be passed to regulate that Street

* Marginal note reads *See P. 109.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 347.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 21.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 18.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See. P. 83.*—ED.

from Leonard to North Moore Street and the Canal cleaned and repaired by assessment.

Aug^{t} 8. 1808.

John Bingham Ald.
Tho^{s} J. Campbell, Ass^{t}

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A Report from the police Office that Captain Snow had suspended Paul Green on a charge of intoxication and Sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Report from Captain Anderson that Ishmael Wilson William Hammond [78] John Bourdet and William States belonging to his company had resigned, and that Christopher Merchel, was discharged, and recommending William Tice Ephraim Brown James Weeks John Ogden and Ephraim Seers Substitutes to be appointed in their place, was referred to the same Committee, who forthwith reported in favour of said recommendation which was confirmed.

The Treasurer presented his monthly report, which was ordered to be filed.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

The Collection of debts due to the Corporation is of material importance at all times, but more especially at this juncture when appropriations are great, and the means of discharging them depend cheifly on prompt and efficacious measures for enforcing the collection of the revenue. Having had the honor of *reporting on this business the 9th of May last, the Comptroller would once [79] more take the liberty of renewing the subject, and respectfully submits the following resolution for the approbation of the Board.

Resolved, that all accounts against persons indebted to the Corporation, which remain unsettled, after the Collector has demanded payment three several times, and where there appears no prospect of effecting a settlement without recourse to prosecution, be delivered by the Collector to the Attorney of the Board, whose duty it shall be to take prompt measures for the recovery of the same.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Comptroller further reported

That the establishment of a general and uniform rule, authorized by the Board, appears desireable at this time, in order to insure a punctual discharge of rents, either annually, or at the termination of each quarter

Connected with this subject the Comptroller would also take the

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 359.*—ED.

liberty of bringing forward the state of the Inclenbergh lots. It appears that but a very small proportion of the purchasers have paid in full; several have not made any payments and some of those who have partially complied with the terms of sale, are anxious to effect a settlement, provided the Corporation will comply [80] with a condition on their part, which was to open a Street called Albany Avenue. As more than two years have elapsed since the sale of those Lots and a settlement cannot be effected without the interference of the Board, it is respectfully. presented for consideration.

Aug^{t} 8th 1808. G. N. Bleecker. Compt^{r}

Ordered that the latter subject be referred [to] Mess^{rs} Ludlam, Ward, and Van Antwerp.

On representation of the Street Commissioner,

Warr^{t} N^{o} 1175. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of William Burk for $.100. on account of paving at the Flymarket.

The Street Commissioner repre[se]nted the following sum due from the Corporation for making piers, viz^{t}

To D. Woolsey ⅓^{d} of $1894.50. for pier at Partition Street is.....	$631.50
Halsey & Westervelt d^{o} of $2062.50 for d^{o} at Jay Street.....	687.50
W. Allen ¼ of Contract, to be rec^{d} by the Board from the proprietors at Coenties and Exchange Slips.....	2125.
	$.3.144.

Warr^{ts} N^{o} 1176 Ordered that Warrants be issued in favour of D. Woolsey for $631.50 and

1177 Halsey & Westervelt for $687.50

[81] and that what relates to W. Allens contract be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

*The Street Commissioner informed the Board that M^{r} Isaac Sebring is willing to advance to the Corporation the Two thousand dollars due to Walter Allen for his first instalment on the contract for the piers between the Exchange and Coenties Slips, and requested the Board to direct that their Bond may be made out in his favour for the same.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the same Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication.

The Street Commissioner represents that William Lawrence is fencing in part of Dover Street, between Water and Front Streets, to half the width of the Street.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 92.*—ED.

The Board may recollect that Mr Lawrence, some time since, presented a *communication requesting to be compensated for this ground, stating that it was his property and that this communication was referred to and †reported against by a Committee of the Common Council, and that the Board confirmed that report.

[82] As such report was not conclusive against the rights of Mr Lawrence, if he has any there, he has taken this summary method of obtaining them. And as it is an Act of great apparent infringement on the right of the citizens, having been open as a public street for years, and involving very serious questions of the Corporation in the premises. The Board may think, with the undersigned, that it claims their serious and prompt attention

Which is respectv submitted.

Augt 8. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th. Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

‡The Street Commissioner presents for the Inspection of the Common Council the new Assessment for opening Cross Street, made in conformity with the last ||ordinance of the Board upon that subject. And he is requested by the Assessors to inform the Common Council, that in addition to the documents put in their hands, and the information obtained from the Committee appointed to confer with them upon the subject, they have viewed the premises and collected other facts which have [83] influenced their opinions respecting the true principles upon which an Assessment of the complex nature of Cross Street ought to be founded. And that after the maturest consideration they present the assessment in as perfect a state as their judgment will admit.

This assessment being one of those directed to be advertised and covering a large district of property, the Street Commissioner conceiving it expedient has directed one hundred Bills to be posted in the vicinity, in addition to the usual methods of advertising in the papers, especially as few of those interested are in the habit of reading them.

Which is respectfully submitted

Augt 8. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

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* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 63.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *16. P. 312.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 94. 109.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 474.*—Ed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment for Orange Street, amounting to $164.88.

Ordered that a warrant to enforce payment be issued in favour of William Dustan.

*The Street Commissioner presented the draft of an Ordinance for repaving Thomas Street, which was passed, and Benjamin Romaine John Hatfield Arthur Smith Joseph Watkins, and William Ryer were appointed, Assessors.

[84] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from N° 4395. to N° 4424. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Superintendant of repairs

Reported

That in conformity with an †Order of Common Council, he had numbered the public pumps in the several Wards: The amount of which is as follows.

1st Ward	25.	Pumps
2d "	18	
3d "	24	
4th "	17	
5th "	31	
6th "	32	
7th "	21	
8th "	40	
10th "	30	
	238.	Wells & pumps.

Cistern pumps

Alms House	2	
Gaol	2	
City Hall	1	
	5	
	243.	Pumps.

By a return made Aug[t] 1st 1804. by Nich[s] Carmer, Sup[t] of repairs—the N° of Pumps in this city was as follows

1st Ward	14
2d	15
3d	15
4th	26

* Marginal note reads *See, P. 76.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 467.*—ED.

5th Ward	16
6th	53
7th	30
Total	169
Increase in 4 yrs	69
	238

The following resolution was submitted.

Mr John Jacob Astor having ceded his interest in Hudson Street from the line of the [85] Corporation of Trinity Church southerly to Charlton Street, on condition that this Board do, at their expense make the same a passable road, & that he will furnish earth in the vicinity for that purpose, therefore

Resolved that the Street Commissioner advertise for proposals for filling in and working the said road, to such height as the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward may direct, not exceeding, in any part of it, a filling of more than Three and a half feet.

Ordered that the same be referred to Mr Bloodgood Aldn Mott [&] Wood.

Resolved, that each and every Butcher who occupies a Stall in any of the public markets of this city, shall within Six days from the date hereof, cause the said Stall to be raised eight inches from the floor of the market, so that a broom may be admitted to remove such dirt, filth or rubbish as may be under the same, and should any butcher, occupying a stall, in any of the said markets, neglect or refuse to comply with the aforesaid resolution, such butcher shall be fined in the sum of Five Dollars and also in the further sum of Two Dollars, for every days neglect thereafter, to be recovered in any court having cognizance thereof with costs of suit.

[86] Resolved that Aldermen Drake Hopkins and King be a Committee to take into consideration the propriety of passing an Ordinance to determine the fees to be allowed to Assessors appointed for regulating, paving and repairing the streets of this city.

*Ordered that the Ferry Committee to whom was referred the subject of paving the main Street in Brooklyne, be authorized to engage, on behalf of this Board, for the payment of such part of the expense as may be charged to this Corporation.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 5.*—Ed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 25.

Joseph Dodge, Accountant, v. Abraham Stevens resigned
Abraham Morrell, Cordwainer, v. Ge° Wardell d°
George Randal, Grocer, v. John Winteringham d°

N° 34.

Joseph D. Smith, v. Robert Brower d°

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

N° 1141.	Jame Hardie. Salary		$62.50
1142	Andrew Otterson. d° Asst to St Commr		52.
1143.	Edward Moran. d° d°		52.
[87]1144	John McKenzie, Keeper of Potters field, Saly		92.
1145	Daniel Martling, Boards for Supt repairs		36.45
1146	Watson & Campbell, Planks for d°		207.93
1147	Henry Maloy, carting earth to Arsenal		8.
1148	Charles Mooney, repairing Streets		60.50
1149	Gosman & Macomb d°		424.31
1150	A & John J. Labagh, Stone for Engine Houses		8.97
1151	Capt Nichs Lawrence, City Watch		276.36
1152	" Willm Van Wart d°		276.36
1153	" Willm Peterson d°		256.76
1154	" James Snow d°		256.76
1155	" Thomas Darling d°		266.56
1156	" Isaac Anderson d°		266.56
1157	Amos Rooke, attending signal Poles		82.50
1158	Samuel B. Waldron, repairs of roads		297.37
1159	Joseph Burjeau, for Marshals, for Sunday service		35.
1160	Thos Smyth, blacksmiths work to pumps		105.36
1161	George McCamman, labour for Supt repairs		26.
1162	Joseph Boyd, carting for d°		47.
1163	Jacob Straut d° d°		38.
1164	Fredk Eckert, Carpenters work for d°		179.68
1165	James Richardson, allowe for well & pump		22.50
1166	Daniel Davis, repairs to pumps		49.62
1167	Patrick Kane, repairing intersections		38.72
1168	Richard Terney. d°		12.
1169	John McComb d°		17.28
1170	Charles Mooney d°		51.25
1171	David Gillespie, carting earth to Beekman Slip		21.50
[88]1172	William Mooney, Supt Alms House		5000.
1173	Jacob Cholwell, on Acct Contract for Lamps		2000.
1174	John H. Sickles, on Acct Building Comme		2000.
1175	Willm Burk, on acct paving at Flymarket		100.
1176	D. Woolsey, on acct of Pier at Partition St		631.50
1177	Halsey & Westervelt d° at Jay Street		687.50

[89] In Common Council, August 15th 1808.

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire Mayor.
Pierre C Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder.

Samuel M. Hopkins	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John W. Mulligan
Abraham King		Simon Van Antwerp
James Drake		Abraham Bloodgood
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell
Jacob Mott		Stephen Ludlam
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert
		Jasper Ward
		Samuel Kip.

Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Petitions of Jesse Coop and William Kline butchers for the grant of the Stand N° 42. Flymarket at present occupied by Alexander Peacock who is about relinquishing the same, were referred to the Market Committee, who forthwith reported in favour of Wm Kline, which was confirmed.

[90] A Complaint against Joseph Rhoads that he had paid Twenty five Dollars for a stand exchanged with Nicholas Boyce, in the Flymarket, was referred to the Market Committee.

An application of Peter Hoffmier to be permitted to build a vault in Sugar loaf Street was granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of William L. Rose and others, remonstrating against the Assessment for opening Cross Street, was referred to the Assessors on said Street.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Cheapside, praying that a Watchman may be appointed to Patrole said Street, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of John Murphy praying for further indulgence to pay his assessment for paving before his lot in Cross Street, was referred to Alderman Drake Mr Bloodgood and Ludlam.

*A Petition of Robert Carter, George Carter Elizabeth and Ann Carter by Thomas Burling their guardian, praying for a water grant in front of their property at Burling Slip, was referred to the Comptroller.

[91] †A Petition of Zophar R. Jarvis to be permitted to erect a Hay scales at or near the intersection of the Bowery and Broadway, was referred to Aldermen Wood Mott and Mr Ward.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 106.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 122.*—Ed.

*A Petition of Lawrence Hyer stating that he is lessee, by assignment, of the premises formerly leased to Jacob Sebring for the terms of 21. years at the rate of £6. p^{r} an. at the expiration of which the terms were to be, as he represents, at the rate of £8. ℔ an. for the next. 21. Years, that the first term has expired and praying that a new lease may be granted for the second term agreeably to the condition aforesaid, was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of the proprietors and inhabitants for regulating Pitt Street from Stanton to Grand Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

An Application of Thomas Duggan requesting that the Street Commissioner may be directed to take the requisite measures for appraising the damages sustained by him for opening Canal Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[92] A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 29. stationed at Greenwich, setting forth the insufficiency of their present Engine, and praying that a new one may be assigned to them, was read; Whereupon

Resolved that the Engine now in the Village of Greenwich, in the care of the Company known and distinguished by Engine N° 29. be removed to some other part of the city where it may be useful, and that a new Engine now at the Painters, be given to that Company.

The Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers to whom was referred the †subject of the Piers at Coenties Slip, reported that in their opinion Isaac Sebring should pay into the Treasury the sum of $2125. When a Bond shall be delivered to him for the same amount agreeably to the ‡report of the Committee on that business, and that a warrant be issued in favour of Walter Allen for the same sum.

Warr^{t} N° 1187. Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a Warrant be issued in favour of Walter Allen accordingly.

A Report of the Committee to whom was referred the ||Petition of Cornelius J. Bogert and Andrew Stockholm, reported in favour of withdrawing the suits instituted against them, and repealing the [93] Ordinances for filling up their Lots in Magazine Street, the same, not being in their opinion, in a state of nuisance.

Ordered that said report be referred to the same Committee for further consideration.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred reported John J. Westervelt. John H. Sickles and John M^{c}Kesson as suitable persons

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 108.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See. P. 81.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 385.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See. P. 68. See 98.*—ED.

and duly qualified to be appointed Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell.

The Board proceeded to an election, by ballot, and they were chosen accordingly.

Reports from the Police Office, that Capt. Van Wart had suspended Stephen Hall, for absence from his post.

Cap^{t} Snow had suspended Alvan Hyatt, & Godfrey Garrahart for intoxication and the latter for same offence & sleeping on his post

that Cap^{t} Darling had suspended John Woolsey, for sleeping on his post

and that Cornelius Post Willett Holmes Richard Dunn Ezekiel Boardman and Nicholas Lozier of Cap^{t} Darlings Company had resigned. [94] who recommended that Henry Bogert Albert Bancker Sullivan Sutherland John L. Ayres and Isaac T. Tallman be appointed in their room. were referred to the Watch Committee.

The Accounts of the Alms House for the two last quarters, audited by the Comptroller, were presented for the inspection of the Board and ordered to be filed with the Comptroller.

The Superintendant of the Alms House reported that by a Census taken this day, the number of Paupers in that institution appeared as follows.

Men	218
Women	308
Boys	129
Girls	81
Total	736

*The Committee to whom the subject was referred reported

†A Law to regulate the compensation to Assessors: which was passed.

The Street Commissioner reported that he had advertised the ‡Assessment for opening Cross Street and presented the same for the [95] confirmation of the Board having received no written objections against it, except on the part of the Manhattan Company which he regarded as a matter entirely between them and M^{r} George Janeway.

Ordered that said report be referred to the Assessors on Cross Street.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 86.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Vide Laws P. 34.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See. P. 82. 109.*—ED.

The Street Commissioner informed the Board that there is due to

Warrts	Halsey & Westervelt, for the first instalment on the L at	
Nº 1185	Jay Street Pier.....	$625.
Nº 1186	Daniel Woolsey, for a similar purpose at Partition Street..	562.50

and recommended that warrants be issued in their favour for the same.

Ordered that Warrants be issued accordingly

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances, for the purpose of correcting nuisances, from Nº 4425 to Nº 4428 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Wood, on account of the labourers employed in making Turf at the Collect for $.100.

[96] Ordered that the purveyor of the Alms House provide two changes of cloathing for each of the convicts sent to labour on the public fortifications at Governors island.

Resolved that the Committee on Laws and Ordinances be requested to report to this Board, a *law to regulate pawnbrokers, agreeably to the power vested in them by an Act of the Legislature.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies

Nº 2.	Reuben Avery, vice Elijah Valentine,	resigned
13.	Francis Fairbain, Grocer, v. George Seal,	dº
	Abraham Van Deursen, Cabinetmaker, v. Elias M. Stillwell	dº
16.	Philip E. Muhlenberg, Merchᵗ v. Thoˢ A. Ronalds,	expelled
27.	Joseph Morgan, Mason, v. Chˢ P. Poinier, resᵈ	

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 1178.	H. C. Southwick, printing for City Inspʳ & Stᵗ Commʳˢ departments	$97.
1179	Robert Dodge, glazing at Alms House.....	35.81
1180	G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller, Salary.....	250.
1181	Castle & Fine, repairing Pumps, 2ᵈ Ward.....	62.56
1182	Benjamin Demilt, regulg public Clocks.....	150.
1183	Beekman Van Beuren, repairs to roads.....	592.60
1184	Thurston Wood, Esqʳ on accᵗ of making turf at Collect....	100.
1185	Halsey & Westervelt, on accᵗ of Pier at Jay Street.....	625.
1186	Daniel Woolsey dº dº Partition Stᵗ.....	562.50
1187	Walter Allen dº dº at Coenties Slip.....	2125.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 153.*—ED.

[97] In Common Council, August 29th 1808

Present Jacob Mott, Esquire, Deputy Mayor

Samuel M. Hopkins Abraham King James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John W. Mulligan Simon Van Antwerp Abraham Bloodgood Thomas J. Campbell Stephen Ludlam Jasper Ward	Assistants.

Jacob Mott Esqr Alderman of the 7th Ward of this city produced his commission as Deputy Mayor with the approbation of his Excellency Governor Tomkins thereunto annexed; and having previously affirmed to and Subscribed the Oaths of Office, prescribed by law, in the presence of Pierre C. Van Wyck Recorder, named in the Commission of Dedimus potestatem for the City and County of New York, in the absence of the Mayor and Recorder, took his seat and presided at the Board.

[98] The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of Charles Hickes and others praying that Ordinances may be past for filling and fencing in certain sunken lots in Cross and Magazine Street was referred to Messrs Ludlam Van Antwerp and Mulligan. who forthwith reported, that so much of the said Memorial as respects fencing in said lots should be complied with, and that Ordinances be passed accordingly, which was confirmed.

The same Committee also reported in confirmation of their former *report on the Petition of Cornelius J. Bogert and Andrew Stockholm, which was confirmed.

Ordered that an Ordinance be passed to compel John Bogert to fence in his lot adjoining the property of Cornelius J. Bogert in Magazine & Collect Streets.

A Petition of the proprietors and inhabitants in Hammond Street, requesting that the same may be regulated was referred to the St Commissr

An Application of Zadock Seely for permission to transfer the lease of part of Lot No 101 [99] Chatham Street to William Howard and George Fitch, was granted.

†A Memorial of Gilbert Coutant, proprietor of the Hayscales in the Bowery near Art Street, remonstrating against the ‡petition of Zophar R. Jarvis for permission to erect a Hay scales at or near the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 92.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *Report P 122.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 91.*—Ed.

intersection of the Bowery & Broadway, was referred to Alderman Bingham, Drake, and Mr Ludlam.

A Memorial of the proprietors and inhabitants in Chesnut Street, requesting that the same may be paved agreeably to the plan proposed by the Street Commissioner, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th. Ward.

*A Memorial of James Votey & John Montgomery stating that they have been called upon by the Attorney of this Board for the rent of certain ground which they have leased from the late Frederick Rhinelander decd and to whose estate they consider themselves accountable for the rent, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and the Comptroller.

A Petition of Fire Engine Company No 22. for permission to remove their Engine House from its present station in the intersection of Lombard & George Street to the foot of George Street in Cherry Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward, with power to grant, if proper.

[100] †A Petition of Samuel M. Thompson Richard I. Tucker Thomas Streatfield Clarkson and Roswell L. Colt proprietors of ground between Morton & Leroy Streets for grants of the soil under water in Hudson river in front of said ground was referred to the Comptroller.

A Memorial of Isaac Bogert stating that he has been excluded from Fire Engine Compy No 23 and complaining against the proceedings of the Foreman of said Company, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of William McFall lessee under Henry A. Van Cortlandt of No 360 Broadway stating that carmen are employed, by order of the Street Commissioner, in removing the earth from said Lot, which will injure his property, was referred to Alderman Bingham and Mr Ludlam.

‡A Memorial of William Hunter stating that he is proprietor of ground on the west side of Corlaer Street, which from its peculiar situation at the intersection of Grand and Lombard streets subjects him not only to a very considerable expense for making and improving said streets, but deprives him of any front on the East river, [101] in consideration of which he prays that said ground may be exempted from quit rent, was referred to the Finance Committee.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 151.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 148. 161.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 210.*—ED.

An application of Charles Smith, lessee of the public wharves and Slips representing that the wharves at Old Slip and Coffee House Slip require repairs, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

*A Memorial of John & Richard Loines complaining against John Marschalck, Weigh master for exacting exorbitant fees for weighing a parcel of Cotton at Brooklyn was referred to Alderman Drake Mr Mulligan, and Bloodgood.

A Petition of Cornelius Chivvis for permission to occupy stand No 2 in Spring Market, lately occupied by his brother William Chivvis Junr decd was granted.

A Petition of sundry inhabitants of the 4th Ward that a Watchman may be stationed at the corner of James and Bancker Streets to protect the peace and quiet of that neighbourhood, was referred to the Watch Committee.

†A further Memorial of John V. Brevoort on the subject of the fine recovered against him for a chimney of the Gaol which caught fire, was referred to Alderman Drake Mr Van Antwerp and Ludlam.

[102] An Application of George Lindsey for permission to build a vault in front of his House No 118 Liberty Street, was granted under the inspection of the Street Commissioner.

‡A Petition of Robert Sutton & others Carmen contractors for filling in Lots of Peter Ogilvie at Corlaers Hook, setting forth that in consequence of Carey Ludlow neglecting to fulfil the ordinance for filling his adjoining property, they are impeded in completing their contract, and praying that Carey Ludlow may be compelled to comply with said Ordinance, was referred to Alderman Drake Messrs Ward and Van Antwerp. with power to direct the Ordinance to be prosecuted if proper.

A Petition of the proprietors of Lots on the west side of Catherine Street requesting that an Ordinance may be passed for paving the foot walk thereof with stone flagging, was read, and an Ordinance passed accordingly, which was referred to Mr Bloodgood Ald. Hopkins and Bingham, with power to suspend the same, if in their judgment it should appear improper.

[103] A Petition of Matthew Cunningham to be appointed Measurer of Coal and Salt was read.

On motion to appoint him accordingly, Mr Mulligan moved as an amendment

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 135.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 480. See Report P. 133.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 122.*—ED.

That Jeremiah Marshall be appointed a Measurer of lumber in this city,

Which, a division being called, passed in the negative as follows.

Affirmative	Negative	
Alderman Hopkins	Alderman King	Messrs Van Antwerp
Mr Mulligan.	Drake	Bloodgood
	Bingham	Campbell
	Wood	Ludlam
		Ward.

The question On the original Motion was taken and carried.

On application of Jacob Cholwell contractor for lighting the public Lamps for the ballance due on his former Contract.

Warrt No 1207. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $.2273.66.

[104] On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House for the ballance due on the two last quarterly accounts.

Warrt No 1208. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $.5282.2.

Warrt No 1209. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham on account of the Committee of repairs for $600.

Warrt No 1210. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Wood, on account of persons employed at the Collect in making turf for fuel for $100. and that the Committee on this subject employ said persons in making turf as long as they shall judge it may be attended with public benefit.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of Lois Keefe respecting the Flagstaff Reported,

That several applications were made offering a rent of $250 and upwards ℔r annum, but in consequence of Mrs Keefes being a widow, the Committee recommended to the Common Council to let her have it for $225. in preference to those who offered more. The Committee were informed, at the time they agreed to rent it to Mrs Keefe, that any person that would pay particular attention, could make [105] from $.800 to $.1000. per annum. The Committee are therefore of opinion that the Common Council may with as much propriety relinquish the annual rents of the Hay Scales &ca as that of the Flag Staff, and therefore recommended that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, which was confirmed.

The Market Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported

* Marginal note reads *See P. 70.*—ED.

in favour of granting Stand N° 2. Oswego Market to Jacob Tier which was confirmed.

Reports from the Police Office, that

Cap^{t} Anderson had suspended Weart Valentine,
for sleeping on his post.

" Lawrence d° James May, & John Felter
for the same offence.

" Darling d° Lispenard Colie, for d°

" " recommended Cornelius Van Riper Peter Traphagan & John N. Scisco to be appointed in place of David Fenton Stephen Traverse & John Woolsey resigned

" Snow had appointed Jacob Lyman, vice, Elias D. Burtus, displaced & Nehemiah Sanford, v. Silas White, who had left the Watch. were severally referred to the Watch Committee.

The Treasurer presented his Account of Intestate estates administered by him to March 6. 1806. which was ordered to be filed.

[106] The Report of the Attorney in favour of remitting the fine incurred by *Christian Small for selling liquor without licence, was confirmed, as far as this Board is concerned, on his paying costs of suit.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

The Comptroller has the honor to report on the †petition of Robert Carter, George Carter, and Elizabeth Carter and Ann Carter by Thomas Burling their guardian, praying for grants of the lots on the southwest corner of Front Street and Burling Slip, on which their Stores are erected.

On examining the Books it appears that in the Years 1773. 74. 75. Grants were made to several proprietors of water lots between Burling Slip and Fletcher Street, extending from Front Street in depth 200 feet, at the rate of 3/ per foot on Front Street. The 30th May 1786 a Grant was issued to Wynant Van Zandt for the lot adjoining the petitioners, on the same terms as abovementioned.

On the Northeast side of Burling Slip, George Codwise Jun^{r} obtained a grant on the 11th July 1803 from Front to South Street 247. feet at the rate of One dollar per foot of 200 feet in length. George Bownes grant for the adjoining lot on the 16th. January 1804 and Peter Schermerhorns on the 6th February the same year, for [107] the remaining lot in this block, and bounded by Beekman Slip, were fixed at the like sum.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 17.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 90.*—ED.

As there appears to have been no grants made in the vicinity of the property now under consideration from May 1786 to July 1803. and as those between Burling and Beekman Slips extend from Front to South Streets and are of a date approaching nearer to the time when the petitioners filled in and built on their lots; it is considered reasonable and proper to make the same scale of rents applicable in the present instance.

By a division of the property from Front to South Streets, between Robert Carter deceased and Peter P. Van Zandt, the former came in possession of the upper part, extending from Front Street about 120 feet on Burling Slip, and the latter fronting on South Street including the remainder. Mr Van Zandt has also signified his intention of applying for a grant of his part and the decision of the Board is respectfully solicited on the following proposition.

That the petitioners obtain a grant from Front Street 120 feet 2¼ inches in depth, calculating the average width of the Lot which is 23 feet 2 inches, at Sixty cents pr foot, amounting to Thirteen Dollars 90/100. per. an. the rent to commence from the 1st May 1800. in which year they mention the lots were filled in and Stores erected, and that the like covenants be inserted as respects maintain- [108] ing and upholding in good order and repair the Wharf or Streets adjoining the premises, as are stipulated in the grants on the opposite side of Burling Slip.

*The grant to Mr Peter P. Van Zandt to comprehend the remainder of the Lot adjoining the above, extending 122 feet 9¾ inches to South Street, the average width being 22 feet 3 inches at Sixty one and a half cents per foot amount Thirteen Dollars 68/100 pr annum. the rent to commence from the 1st day of May the year in which the Lots were filled and the Stores erected: the covenants to be similar to the foregoing.

respectfully submitted.

Augt 29. 1808. G. N. Bleecker, Compr

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Comptroller on the †petition of Lawrence Heyer, reported

That in the Year 1785 Jacob Sebring had a lease from the Corporation of two lots No 102 and No 103 Chatham Street for 21 Years at the rent of Fifteen Dollars each per annum, without any provision for a renewal. On the 1st of May 1806. the petitioner executed a lease for 21. years for the said Lots at the annual rent of $.450. and on

* Marginal note reads *See P. 433. Vol. 20. P. 39.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 91.*—Ed.

the 21st December 1807. made a payment of $235 on account, leaving a ballance due on the [109] 1st of May last of $.665.

The petitioner asserts that his case is precisely the same as that of Abraham Brevoort who holds Lot N° 2 in the same street at $20 per year for 21 years from 1st May 1806.

It appears from the Books that Mr Brevoort had his lease renewed on the terms as stated, but what reasons operated at the time to fix his rent at this price, are not at present satisfactorily known.

The Board, it is presumed, are best competent to determine, from this statement of facts, which are presented, whether any alteration should be made in Mr Heyer's lease.

Ordered that the same lie for consideration.

The Comptroller presented the Bond of Jacob Cholwell, with Burnwell Brown surety, for the due performance of his contract for lighting the public Lamps, which was approved.

The Comptroller presented a *Deed, executed by the Mayor under the Seal of this Board of the Arsenal and certain grounds thereunto attached, to the Free School Society of New York, which was approved.

The Street Commissioner presented the †Assessment for opening Cross Street, ratified after reconsideration by the Assessors, which was confirmed, and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

[110] The Street Commissioner presented two Leases for vacant lots sold to Hector Scott and Samuel William Johnson sold agreeably to the Assessment and advertisements for the regulating and filling vacant lots in Hester Street, which were approved.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment for opening Varick Street between Brannon & Budd Streets;

Ordered that a warrant to enforce payment be issued in favour of Oliver Jacques:

The Street Commissioner informed the Board that Abraham Brinckerhoof Junr, Jacob Sherrerd, and Henry J. Wyckoff, declined serving as Assessors on the several Ordinances wherein they were named,

Whereupon Benjamin Stevens Andrew Morrell and Arthur Smith were appointed in their places.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving the Carriage way and laying the Curbstone in Provost Street from Hud-

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 76.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 82. 94.*—ED.

son Street to the House of John Charters which was passed and Lewis Ford Arthur Smith Benjamin Romaine John Sharp and Joseph Watkins were appointed Assessors.

[111] A Communication from the Street Commissioner representing that it will be necessary, in order to make good work at the piers near the Exchange & Coenties Slips, that part of the old Wharf, which is much out of repair, be taken down and connected with the new piers, the expense of which will not probably exceed $200. and suggesting that Mr Allen the contractor be directed to repair the same at the charge of this Board, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

The Street Commissioner reported that he had been requested by the Governor to define the line between John Jay and the Corporation on the North side of the New Arsenal as it is intended to lay a strong foundation on that line to support the weight of Artillery. That in order to ascertain this line in such manner as to make it a permanent survey, it will be necessary to have the concurrence of Mr Jay and Mr Munro. He recommended the Board to appoint some person to unite with a person to be appointed by Mr Jay to superintend the survey of the line and to sign agreements of its establishment in behalf of this Corporation.

Ordered that the subject be referred to Alderman Bingham Drake and Mr Ludlam.

[112] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from No 4429 to No 4443. inclusive:

Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner present at the next meeting of this Board, the *draft of an Ordinance for repaving round Catherine Market and at the intersection of Cherry Street in order to admit a freer passage for the water to Catherine Slip.

Ordered that the Committee on the Fire Department report, at the next meeting of this Board whether any and if any what alterations are necessary to be made in the Ordinance for preventing and extinguishing Fires &c: and particularly whether it is expedient to introduce any regulation for the purpose of forming a line of Fire Engines for procuring a supply of water when Fires take place.

Alderman Bingham was added to the †Committee on the subject of providing for Lunatics in the New York Hospital.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 128.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 39.*—ED.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 17. Daniel Berrien, brushmaker, v. Peter Carlock, dec^{d}
23 Court Dubevoise, v. Bary Waldron. res^{d}
33 Truman Bartholomew, v. Benjamin Hill. d°

[113] Ordered that the Deputy Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 1188	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	$276.36
1189	" William Van Wart d°	276.36
1190	" William Peterson d°	256.76
1191	" James Snow d°	256.76
1192	" Thomas Darling. d°	266.56
1193	" Isaac Anderson d°	266.56
1194	New York C° for Slate for Alms House	173.75
1195	David Gillespie, for earth around Duane Markt	51.50
1196	John S. Hunn, for Curb Stone	230.88
1197	William Dustan, for repaving Broad Street	131.19
1198	Charles Mooney, " repairing intersections	52.50
1199	Charles Loss, for surveying	37.50
1200	Barth^{w} Skaats salary &c^{a} for self & Assist^{t}	111.10
1201	John Declew, Inspector of Bread, salary	89.75
1202	Joseph Burjeau, on acc^{t} of Marshals services	83.
1203	James Richardson, cleaning & sinking wells	51.
1204	Isachar Cozins, for Attendance at Collect	46.
1205	W^{m} Englehart, digging a well in Bowery	37.
1206	Thos Hazard, Salary for self & turnkeys	437.50
1207	Jacob Cholwell, ball^{e} of Contract for light^{g} lamps	2153.66
1208	William Mooney, Sup^{t} of Alms House	5282. 2
1209	John Bingham Esqr. on Acc^{t} Com^{e} of repairs	600.
1210	Thurston Wood, Esq^{r} on acc^{t} of turf at Collect	100.

[114] City Hall. September 2^{d} 1808.

At a meeting of the Supervisors

Present Jacob Mott Esquire, Deputy Mayor

Abraham King
James Drake
John Bingham
Thurston Wood
Nicholas Fish.
} Esquires Aldermen.

The Board proceeded to examine the returns of the Assessors of the respective Wards and to apportion the tax granted by the Legislature for raising $70.000. for defraying the various charges of this city and county, and $60.000. for the maintenance of the poor and for defraying the other contingent charges of said City and County. for the current year, amounting in the whole to $.130.000. which was agreed to as follows.

Ward.	1805		1806		1807.		1808	
	Amount of Assessment	Tax & Charges	Amount of Assessment	Tax & Charges	Amount of Assessment	Tax & Charges	Amount of Assessment	Tax & Charges.
1	4.666.500	23.799.15	4.877.950	23.901.95	4.607.630	24.881.21	4.634.130	26.877.95
Added	3.554.725 500.000	Added	3.615.800 500.000					
2	4.054.725	20.617.40½	4.115.800	20.248.48	3.705.050	19.636.76	3.792.950	22.006. 7
Subtract	3.413.350 100.000	Subtract	3.445.950 100.000					
3	3.313.350	16.725.41½	3.345.950	16.195.96	2.836.675	15.034.37	2.866.230	16.624.13
4	2.888.560	14.731.65½	2.934.950	14.674.75	2.122.000	11.883.20	2.186.500	12.473.88
5	2.199.750	11.218.72½	2.286.500	11.432.50	2.427.650	13.352. 7	2.436.900	14.128.22
Subtract	1.606.185 100.000							
6	1.506.185	8.834. 1½	1.640.450	8.366.29	1.698.855	9.853.35	1.739.940	10.613.63
Subtract	3.353.625 300.000	Subtract	3.469.050 400.000					
7	3.053.625	16.432.75½	3.069.050	16.304.53	2.812.700	16.594.93	2.579.450	8.387.82.
8	1.948.695	9.141.18	2.151.685	10.157.90	2.452.870	11.985.89	2.469.660	*10.496.70 †2.525.63½
9	2.014.477	6.446.27	2.107.295	6.532.61	2.296.525	6.430.27	2.409.460	6.987.43
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Total	25.645.867	127.946.57	26.529.630	127.814.97	24.959.955	129.652. 5	25.115.220	138.984.18

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[116] In Common Council, Septem^{r} 5th 1808.

Present Jacob Mott, Esquire, Deputy Mayor.

Samuel M. Hopkins	Esquires Aldermen.	Mess^{rs} John Slidell	Assistants.
Abraham King		John W. Mulligan	
James Drake		Simon Van Antwerp	
John Bingham		Abraham Bloodgood	
John D. Miller		Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
Nicholas Fish.		Jasper Ward.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Isaac Clason and others praying that Broome Street may be regulated and the superfluous earth carted into Sheriff Street, was ref^{d} to the Street Commissioner.

Petitions of Leonard Baley Andrew M^{c}Bride Martin Nevins, and Isaac Frazer, for the remission of the penalty incurred for [117] selling liquors without licence, were severally referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition of Lewis Moore representing that the regulation of South Street, between Beekman and Peck Slip, interferes with his rights as granted to him by this Corporation, and proposing an abatement, in the terms of quit rent from One dollar to Fifty cents per an. as an equivalent for the damages he has sustained, or that he will claim his original ground, which will materially interfere with the line of South Street, was referred to Alderman Bingham M^{r} Ludlam and Mulligan.

*A Communication from John Murray representing that he is called upon by the Attorney of this Board, for payment of rent due for a piece of land leased at Inclenberg, for which an Action of ejectment has been brought by M^{r} Kip and others, whereby he is deprived of reaping any profit from the premises, and praying that he may be released from the rent which has arisen or may arise during the pending of said suit, was referred to Counsel.

†A Similar Communication from John Thomson, was also referred to Counsel.

‡A Memorial of Henry Remmey setting forth his distressed situation and requesting the attention of the Board to the subject of [118] the Ballance due by him when Superintendant of Scavengers, was referred to the Comptroller.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 163.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *d^{o} d^{o}*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16 P. 445. 467. See Vol. 17. P. 213. See Report P. 138.*—ED.

*A Memorial of the inhabitants in the vicinity praying that Frankfort Street may be widened, One hundred feet from Pearl Street by taking by Assessment, according to law, part of the vacant lot of Walter Bowne at the corner of said Streets was referred to Alderman Drake Mott and Mr Bloodgood, with the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from the inhabitants in the vicinity, for a Well & Pump near the corner of Grand Street and the Bowery was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 6th. Ward, and the Supt of repairs, with power to grant on the usual terms.

†An application of Jacob Schiefflin for a grant of the soil under water in Hudson river, in front of his property at Manhattan ville, and that a grant may also be made in his favour for the same purpose, in front of the property, at the same place, lately belonging to John Barrow and now conveyed to him, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

Warrt No 1229. On application of the Building Committee Ordered that a warrant be issued on their account in favour of John H. Sickles, for $.1500.

[119] ‡A Communication from the Commissioner for laying out streets and roads, representing difficulties and impediments opposed by the proprietors in running their lines through their grounds, was referred to Alderman Hopkins, Miller, and Bingham

Warrt No 1230 On Application, Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Simeon Dewitt Esqr on account of said Commissioners for $1000.

A Physicians bill against Cleghorn a Watchman amounting to $3.50. for attendance for an injury sustained by him in quelling the riot in Augustus Street in December 1806. was referred to the Warrt No 1232 Watch Committee, who forthwith reported in favour of the same, which was confirmed, and a warrant ordered to be issued accordingly.

The same Committee was instructed to enquire whether any similar claims existed and to report thereon.

On application for ground rent due the estate of James Walker for the 3d district Watch House.

Warrt No 1231. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Ann Walker administratrix for $35.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 133.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 196.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 155.*—ED.

[120] On representation of Alderman Bingham, Ordered that
Warr[t] a warrant be issued in his favour for $.34. to pay for a
N[o] 1233. drain made by order of the Committee of repairs in Chapel Street.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of Sundry inhabitants of the Ninth Ward, in the vicinity of Manhattanville, for a Ferry between said place and New Jersey,

Report

That as it is doubtful in the minds of the Committee whether a Ferry at the said place will be very productive at present, in consequence of which the Committee recommend that a grant for the said Ferry be made to Thomas Magrath for the term of ten years from the first day of May last, on the following conditions, viz[t] The said lessee to erect a Stairs at his own expense, to revert to the Corporation at the expiration of the term, and that the said lessee have the privilege of landing or laying at any time during the said lease at any of the wharves or landings in front of the ground between the southwardly line of Thomas Buckleys ground and the northwardly line of John Lawrence's ground until a public situation be assigned him therefor and that the said lessee pay to the use of [121] the Corporation, ten Dollars per annum for the first five Years and at the rate of Twenty five Dollars per annum for the residue of the term.

And the Committee further recommend that whenever water grants shall be made by this Board to the proprietors of the ground at Manhattanville, that one lot of ground be reserved by this Board for the purpose of the accommodation of the said Ferry.

Sept[r] 5[th] 1808.

Steph[n] Ludlam
Simon Van Antwerp.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the †Petition of Joseph Graff and Richard Foord, Butchers, to interchange Stalls, reported in favour of the prayer of the petitioners, which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the ‡Petition of William Chivvis and others praying that a piazza may be constructed in front of Spring Market, reported against the same, which was confirmed.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the returns of the

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 390.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 69.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 68.*—ED.

Captain of the City Watch, of the suspension and resignation of several Watchmen and recommendation of others to be appointed in their places,

Reported that the following persons, in [122] their opinion, ought to be appointed, viz[t]

In Capt. Darlings Company Cornelius Van Riper Peter Traphagan John N. Scisco

In Cap[t] Snow's Company Jacob Lyman, and Nehemiah Sanford. which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of Zophar R. Jarvis for permission to erect a Hay Scales at the intersection of the Bowery and Broadway, and the †Petition of Gilbert Coutant remonstrating against the same, Reported that it is not expedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner, which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the ‡Petition of Robert Sutton and others complaining against Carey Ludlow for not fulfilling the Ordinance for filling his lots at Corlaers Hook, Reported that the Attorney be directed to prosecute Carey Ludlow for the penalty in said Ordinance, and that a new Ordinance be passed that the Owners and Occupants of the Water lots, situate, known and designated as fronting Corlaers Street between Cherry [123] and Grand Street, do at their individual expense cause the same to be filled up with good and wholesome earth to the regulation of the Streets from the said Corlaer Street to the present bulkhead, and in conformity with the tenor of their water grants, on or before the fifteenth day of December.

Which was confirmed and the Ordinance passed accordingly.

||The Committee on Laws and Ordinances to whom the subject was referred, reported the draft of An Ordinance for preventing injuries to pavements by Swine, which was ordered to lie for consideration.

A Report from Richard Smith Deputy Clerk of the Market, on the practice of forestalling Poultry brought to this city for sale, together with the draft of an Ordinance more effectually to restrain the same, was referred to the Market Committee with directions to consult with the Attorney on the subject.

The Attorney to whom were referred the Petitions of William Lorton P. Helferty Samuel Brower John M[c]Gaviston William Cargill

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 91.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *P. 99.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 102.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 48. 153.*—ED.

Patrick M^cClasky Henry O'Neal Thomas Hobbins, and Bridget Christian. [124] for remission of penalties incurred for selling liquors without licence,

Reported that on examining their several cases, he considered them respectively entitled to the indulgence of the Common Council.

Ordered that as far as this Board is concerned, the fines be remitted, the Petitioners paying the costs of suit.

The Superintendant of the Alms House Reported, that by a Census taken this day, the number of Paupers in that institution was as follows

Men	230
Women	296
Boys	98
Girls	108
Total	732

The following communication was presented by the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent, that the necessity and importance of more correct surveys have become conspicuous to every Builder and person possessing property in this city. That the frequent mistakes which arise are a source of continual perplexity to the Common Council, as well as a considerable and unavoidable expense. That the errors of surveying happen either from the want of landmarks, the inattention of the [125] operator or the inaccuracy of the instrument with which the work is performed. That the last of these is the most frequent and the most serious for it is impossible to perform well with the best data and the best intentions, when the Instrument is incorrect; and that this circumstance is to be the more regretted, as the errors are not discovered until it is generally too late to correct them, and the character of the operator is painfully implicated in the consequences.

Similar remarks have been so repeatedly offered to the Board and the facts are so well known to them, that it would, in some measure, be inexpedient to advance them here, if there had not been a considerable change of members since this subject was first mentioned.

The Street Comm^r therefore respectfully reminds the old members, and takes the liberty to inform the new, that the Common Council, powerfully impressed with the propriety of attaching to his Office a complete set of surveying Instruments, *Ordered that he should pro-

* Marginal note reads *See, Vol. 15. P. 306.*—ED.

cure them at the expence of the Board, and that they should belong to the Corporation, but be under his care for the public use.

In compliance with this order the Street Commissioner procured a common circumferenter, a common Graphometer and a small levelling Tellescope, the best that could at that time be found in the city, which are now in his possession and together did not cost $100. [126] These instruments are serviceable in common cases where great accuracy is not required, but are entirely unfit for precise and extensive operations, such as ascertaining by angles the directions and inclinations of the old Streets and the laying out of new ones, where great precision is necessary: neither is there an instrument in possession of any of the Surveyors of this city that can be depended upon for such purposes, and this is one of the causes which has delayed the surveys directed by the Board along the shores of the East and Hudson rivers, as the expense would be useless if the operations were incorrect.

The Street Commissioner, consequently, felt the want of a good Theodolite, as well as a long and accurate levelling Tellescope, and had been for some time looking for these instruments in this city and in Philadelphia, in vain, when Colonel Williams mentioned that he had permission from the government to send to Europe for an extensive and complete set of Mathematical and Optical instruments at their expense for his use. The Street Commr embracing the advantage of this circumstance, requested the Colonel to include an additional Theodolite in his order, for the use of this city, which has now arrived from the Shop of W. & S. [127] Jones, the best mathematical instrument makers in the city of London; And is acknowledged to be one of the most perfect instruments for taking of angles, ever invented.

As this Theodolite is as valuable to an Engineer as a Surveyor, it is important in a Statistical point of view, that a public body be possessed of it. And as it is the only one of the kind in this country, except one belonging to Major McComb at Charleston, So Carolina, and another that came with it for Colonel Williams, it would be improper, at this time, that it should fall into the hands of an individual.

The Street Commissioner therefore, solicits the Board to direct the Comptroller to audit the account of Campbell & Mitchell, the importers, for the abovementioned instrument, as well as such other account as may be presented for a levelling Tellescope for the use of and to belong to the Corporation.

All which is respectfully submitted
John S. Hunn.

Warr[t] Nº 1234. Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a Warrant be issued in favour of Campbell & Mitchill, accordingly.

The Street Commissioner represented that the second instalment was due for making the Piers at Vesey and Jay Streets.

Warr[ts] Nº 1235. [128] Whereupon Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Daniel Woolsey, on acc[t] of the Pier at Vesey Street for $.631.50.

Nº 1236. And in favour of Halsey & Westervelt on account of the Pier at Jay Street for $.687.50.

Agreeably to *order, the Street Commissioner presented the draft of an Ordinance for paving round Catherine Market which was passed, and Simeon Skillen Isaac Doty Eldad Holmes John Drake and James Smith were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for repaving the carriage way in Water Street between Wall and Pine Streets, and for regulating parts of Bayard Pump and Hester Streets which were confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances, from Nº 4444. to Nº 4453. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs cause the high ground in Pottersfield [129] to be drawn into the valley and levelled in such manner as to render the same more suitable for the purposes of a Cemetery.

A Motion of M[r] Mulligan seconded by Alderman Hopkins for a reconsideration of the grant of Stand Nº 2 in Oswego Market to Jacob Tier, was lost.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Nº 6.

Samuel Ruckel, vice James Shotwell, resigned
Smith Pettit v. Robert Sands. dº
John Russel v. David Davis. dº

Nº 7.

Joseph Price, v. John Drake. dº

Nº 12.

Caleb Coles, Shoemaker, v. Daniel Riker dº

* Marginal note reads *See P. 112.*—ED.

N° 27.

Daniel Pain, v. John Hatfield. resigned
William Havermier, v. Isaac Poinier. d°
Frederick C. Havermier, v. Martin Powles. d°
Daniel Horton. v. John Russel. d°

N° 33.

William Todd. v. Isaac Halsey. d°

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 1211	Capt Nichs Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$276.36
1212	" William Van Wart d°	.....	276.36
1213	" William Peterson d°	.....	256.76
1214[130]	" James Snow d°	.....	256.76
1215	" Thomas Darling. d°	.....	266.56
1216	" Isaac Anderson. d°	.....	266.56
1217	James Hardie Salary	.....	62.50
1218	Andrew Otterson, Asst to St Comr for services	.....	54.
1219	Edward Moran, d° d°	.....	54.
1220	Jacob Straut, cartage for Supt of repairs	.....	32.
1221	Joseph Boyd d° d°	.....	30.
1222	George McCamman, labour for d°	.....	25.
1223	Fredk Eckert, Carpenters work, for d°	.....	171.25
1224	Daniel Davis, repairs to Pumps	.....	105.87
1225	Matthew Banks, Ironwork to d°	.....	75.75
1226	Richard L. Degroat, repairing floating Engine	.....	38.69
1227	Beekman M. Van Beuren, repairs to roads	.....	399.45
1228	Cornelius Rider, allowance for pumps & well	.....	23.
1229	John H. Sickles, on acct Building Committee	.....	1500.
1230	Simeon Dewitt, on acct Commrs for roads	.....	1000.
1231	Ann Walker, ground rent for Watch House	.....	35.
1232	Cleghorn, to pay Doctors Bill, for attend for injury in quelling riot in Augustus St	.....	3.50
1233	John Bingham Esqr for drain in Chapel St	.....	34.
1234	Campbell & Mitchill for a Theodolite	.....	219.53
1235	Danl Woolsey, for Pier at Vesey Street	.....	631.50
1236	Halsey & Westervelt d° at Jay Street	.....	687.50

[131] In Common Council Sept^{r} 12th 1808

Present Jacob Mott, Esquire Deputy Mayor.

Esquires Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel M. Hopkins	Mess^{rs} John W. Mulligan
Abraham King	Simon Van Antwerp
James Drake	Abraham Bloodgood
John Bingham	Thomas J. Campbell
John D. Miller	Stephen Ludlam
	Samuel Torbert
	Jasper Ward.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

*An application of Isaac L. Kip for permission to erect, at his own expense, an Iron Crane to support a Lamp in the Brick wall he is about building on his Lot in Pine Street, to be applied in place of a Lamp Post now standing in the foot walk in said Street, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

[132] A Petition of John Chapel, occupant of stand N^{o} 7. Fly-market, for the grant of stand N^{o} 5. Duane Market and to relinquish his aforesaid stand, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of sundry proprietor and inhabitants, for paving Jay Street from Greenwich to Washington Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

An application of Henry Laverty for permission to build a vault in front of his house N^{o} 454 Pearl Street, was granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Amos Curtis, to be relieved from the penalty incurred for selling liquors without licence, was referred to the Attorney.

An application of Orange Webb for compensation for damages to his Pump at the late Fire in Nassau Street,† was read.

Ordered that it is inexpedient to allow the same.

An invitation was received from Abel W. Hardenbrook, to view, in company with His Excellency the Governor, a model of his plan for protecting the Narrows.

The Board agreed to attend on Thursday [133] next at eleven o'clock.

On application of the Building Committee
Warr^{t} Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H.
N^{o} 1247. Sickles on their account for $1500

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 149.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *at Edw^{d} Watkey's Tallow Chandler August. 25.*—ED.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Memorial for widening Frankfort Street presented a Communication from Walter Bowne relating to the ground contemplated to be taken from him for widening said Street, demanding $6500. for the same.

Whereupon Ordered that the Attorney of this Board be directed to issue precepts to the Sheriff to summon a Jury at the next Mayors Court to value the ground required of Walter Bowne for widening Frankfort Street.

The following Report was presented

The Committee to whom was referred the †Memorial of John V. Brevoort respecting a fine that has been recovered against him in consequence of the Chimnies of the Debtors prison having taken fire

Report

That it appears by the 11th Section of the law for the prevention and extinguishing of Fires in the City of New York, that any Chimney within the city taking fire through neglect of being properly swept [134] and cleansed the occupant of the house shall forfeit and pay the sum of Five Dollars; and as the Chimnies in the Debtors prison and likewise in the Bridewell and State Prison, by their peculiar construction are rendered impassable for sweeps, being barred and grated in several places, which obstructions are necessary to prevent the escape of the prisoners, and as it is impossible for the several keepers of the said prisons to comply with said law in that particular, the Committee recommend the following alteration or additional clause to said law:

Be it ordained &c^{a} that the respective keepers of the different prisons and Bridewell in this City and County shall cause the several Chimnies in the Buildings under their charge to be carefully swept and cleansed from the tops thereof down to the upper bars or gratings and from the Fire places up to the lower bars or gratings, at least once in every fourteen days, under the penalty of Five Dollars for every chimney that shall take Fire in consequence of such neglect and that the proof of such chimney having been so swept or cleansed shall be made by the said keepers thereof to discharge him from said penalty.

Ja^{s} Drake,
Sept^{r} 12. 1808. Step^{n} Ludlam
Simon Van Antwerp.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 118.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 101.*—ED.

[135] Ordered that the same be confirmed and the additional clause was passed accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the *petition of James and Richard Loines complaining against John Marschalck one of the City Weighers,

Reported that from all the facts disclosed, after due investigation, there appeared no reason for the further interference of this Board, and that the Petitioners be allowed to withdraw their petition, which was confirmed.

The Committee further recommended that in lieu of the penalty of forfeiture of office in the second section of the Ordinance to regulate the fees of Weighmasters and Measurers the following be substituted,

Be it ordained &c[a] That the second Section of the Ordinance entitled "a Law to regulate the fees of Weighmasters and Measurers" be amended by striking out the words "his appointment under this Corporation" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the sum of Fifty Dollars for every Offence."

Ordered that the same do pass.

The following report was presented.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward, to whom was referred the [136] Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting Stanton Street

Report

That they have visited Stanton Street and the adjoining lots and viewed the injury occasioned by the late violent rains. That Stanton Street is broken through, so that it is wholly impassible, and the houses situated upon it and adjacent, are much endangered. That should the equinoctial or other rains, that may be daily expected, sit in, before the injury is repaired and the street secured, the property in that neighbourhood will be greatly injured and in all probability some houses ruined. The Committee further state, that Ordinances have heretofore passed this Board directing the proprietors of the adjoining lots to fill up the same, which have been duly served and the time expired, but have not been obeyed. Your Committee therefore advise that the Attorney of the Board be directed to prosecute the defaulters; and in the mean time, they feel it their duty, under the extreme urgency and pressing nature of the case and with a view to the convenience and safety of the inhabitants, to recommend that the Ordinance herewith

* Marginal note reads *See P. 101.*—ED.

submitted directing the Street Commissioner to cause Stanton Street to be repaired and to contract for the filling up of such lots on the North side thereof [137] as will be sufficient to secure the same, and also for the filling up of Ridge Street to the hill, be passed, and that he immediately advertise said lots for sale to pay the Assessment for reimbursing the expense.

Septr 12th 1808

Jacob Mott
Samuel Torbert.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Ordinance for filling the sunken lots in Stanton & Ridge Streets and for repairing Stanton Street, be passed, and that John Youle William Hunter Whitehead Hicks Benjamin North and William Peterson be appointed Assessors.

A Report from the Police Office that Capt. Snow had suspended Hosea Jones, for sleeping on his post

and Joseph Sherwood, for the like fault, intoxication and misbehaviour, was referred to the Watch Committee.

The Attorney to whom was referred the Petitions of Chenellette Dessaussoir Andrew McBride Patrick Thomas and Hezekiah Lord, for remission of penalties incurred for selling liquors without licence, reported in favour of the Petitioners, which was confirmed as far [138] as the Board is concerned on their paying costs of suit.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

The Comptroller has the honor to report on the *petition of Henry Remmey

On the 25th May 1807. the petitioner applied to the Board to be exonerated from paying the amount due by him to the Corporation, while Supt of Scavengers, and stated the unfortunate circumstances which obliged him to make this appeal to their humanity, vizt "that on the 1st Jany 1806 he was robbed of a large double drawer with all its contents, among other things his public papers, a number of public vouchers for monies which he had actually expended on account of the Corporation." This statement is confirmed by his Affidavit of 1st June. 1807

In his former petition he also states "that he has a large and helpless family for whom he cannot make provision, unless he gets the benefit of the act of Insolvency."

Accompanying the present report, is a letter from James Votey, the Surety of Mr Remmey, proposing to pay the sum of $.400. in six

* Marginal note reads *See P. 117. 149.*—Ed.

months, provided the Board will discharge him from all further responsibility.

Considering the peculiarly unfortunate situation of the petitioner and the proposition of [139] his surety, the Board will determine on the expediency of accepting the terms proposed and of relieving Mr Remmey from his present embarrassment.

respectfully submitted.

Septr 12th 1808. G. N. Bleecker.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Drake Mr Ward and Aldn Bingham with power to discharge if correct.

*The Comptroller presented the following report.

The Comptroller had the honor to report on the 9th of May last †"that a tract of land containing about three fourths of an Acre, nearly opposite the Dove lots,‡ belongs to the Corporation, and has been in possession of Mr Peter P. Van Zandt for a number of years, and that the time is nearly expired when the legal claim of the Corporation may become forfeited, by the actual possession of the present occupant."

By referring to the ||Minutes of the Common Council of June 20. 1796, is found the following.

"Messrs Jones, Leary, Hardenbrook, Peter P. Van Zandt, Dickson, "Stockholm & Co and Doctor Baker, having by their respective peti- "tions prayed that this Board would sell to them the Common lands "which lay between their respective lands and the post road, at private "sale, at such average price as the Board should judge reasonable; "which [140] the Board agreed to."

"The Board proceeded to consider of the subject and determined "that the price be as follows vizt Those to Leary and Jones at the "price of £160. pr acre, with a quit rent reserved of One Bushel "of Wheat per acre per an. forever."

"Those to John Hardenbrook @ £200. pr acre with the like quit "rent reserved"

"Those to Peter P. Van Zandt £200. pr acre with the like quit rent "reserved."

"Those to Dickson Stockholm & Co @ £145 per acre with the like "quit rent reserved."

"And those to Doctor Baker @ £160. pr acre with the like quit "rent reserved."

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 188. 225.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 360.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *Hamilton Square.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Vol. 12. P. 4. 5.*—Ed.

It appears therefore that Mr Van Zandt petitioned for the land, and that the price was accordingly fixed by the Board.

The Comptroller cannot find any documents which might lead to a further elucidation of the subject, but from the statement related by Mr Strong former Comptroller, the business still remains unsettled with Mr Van Zandt.

In order to make a formal demand for payment, agreeably to the terms above stipulated, and bring the business to a termination with all possible dispatch; It is respectfully recommended that an order of the Board should pass for obtaining an exact survey of the land in question under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Septr 12. 1808. G. N. Bleecker. Compr

[141] Ordered that the same be referred to Messrs Ward Ludlam and Mulligan.

*The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent that the Alderman and Assistant of First ward, who with the undersigned were appointed to superintend the piers at Coenties and Exchange Slips, according to their powers, appointed Mr Isaac Sebring to inspect the work and to report from time to time thereon, that Mr Sebring has now stated that the work performing by Mr Allen is not according to his contracts and declines any further attention to the business.

By a clause in the contract it is provided, that in case any dispute should arise respecting the sufficiency of the work or materials, that the same should be decided by three persons reciprocally chosen by Mr Allen and the Committee.

The Street Commissioner conceives that the opposition of Mr Allen has brought the business to such issue as to require the Committee to have recourse to the aforesaid clause: but the Alderman and Assistant are both absent, and the Street Commr has not sufficient power to appoint an arbitrator: and as Mr Allen is still going on with his work, in a manner which, in the opinion of good judges, may be improper, under its present situation. [142] The Street Commissioner solicits the Board to take some order in the premises.

Sept. 12. 1808. John. S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers with power to act as circumstances may require.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a lateral

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 152.*—Ed.

drain in Broad Street amounting to $.58.67. which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

*The Street Commissioner being directed by the Board to enquire of the proprietors of ground required for opening Canal Street, whether they would wait Five years for such sum as might be awarded to them by a Jury to be impannelled for that purpose, has the honor to

Report that Mr Lynch, Messrs Jay & Munro and the Corporation of Trinity Church have already consented and repeated their consent to cede the street, on condition they are not taxed for opening any other part of it, and that the Board have long since agreed to that stipulation.

That Walter Bowne, Thomas Duggan, John McCamman, James Neilson and the Heirs of Anthony Lispenard are the only persons having [143] claims against said Street which remain to be adjusted; the former awards taking in all the other proprietors.

That Walter Bowne consents to wait five years, if Interest is allowed him upon the award, Provided he is satisfied with the price allowed to him by the Jury; of which he is to be Judge.

That Mr Duggan and Mr McCamman will wait five years, or until the Assessment is made out, provided they are allowed interest and that the Heirs of Anthony Lispenard will give no decided answer, and state that the answers already given by them to the Street Commissioner and submitted by him to the Board ought to satisfy that Honorable body of the propriety of their silence.

The Street Commissioner further represents that he has not seen Mr Neilson, or Mr Bull a tenant of Lispenards, but as their interest is very small it ought not to militate against any measure the Board may think proper to pursue to quiet the present claims upon them respecting Canal Street, And it may not be improper to state again his opinion that bold and energetic measures ought to be adopted in proportion to the difficulties that are presented to view, in obtaining a cession of this necessary Street.

Which is respectfully submitted

Sept. 12. 1808 John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Bingham Mr Ludlam, and Campbell.

[144] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances, for the purpose of correcting Nuisances from No 4454 to No 4462. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 44. 161.*—ED.

Ordered that the Law prohibiting the introduction of Oysters, into this City, for sale, between the 1st day of June and the last day of September annually, be suspended for the remainder of the season.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 4.

William Pierce, Mason, 27. Cliff St v. Jacob Downing expelled

N° 22.

Additional Members.

John Moran, Grocer, corner Charlotte & Lombard
John Bishop, House Carpenter, 222. William
Josiah Dunn d° 84. Pump
Peter Austin, d° 82. d°
John J. Gantz. Ship Carpenter, 106. Lombard
Isaac Parker. d° 107. d°
Isaac Russ d° d°
James McBain Sailmaker 183 Cherry
Andrew Godfrey. Ship Joiner Hester.

[145] Ordered that the Deputy Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 1237	Matthew Dikeman, repairs to Pumps	.....	$48.87
1238	O Neil & Lee d° Wells	.....	74.62
1239	John A. Crolius, Inspecr of bread, Salary	.....	91.10
1240	John Downen, for labour at Beekman Slip	.....	30.49
1241	B. Moore & Co carting earth to d°	.....	82.25
1242	George Wilson & Co d° d°	.....	110.12
1243	James Lyon & Co d° d°	.....	131.12
1244	Benjamin Douglas, for filling lot near Collect Street, to operate as lien on sd lot	.....	94.75
1245	Samuel B. Waldron, repairs to roads	.....	396.97
1246	Abm Alstine, for superintending making turf	.....	91.40
1247	John H. Sickles, on acct Building Committee	.....	1500.

[146] In Common Council. Septr 19th 1808.

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Jacob Mott. Dep. Mayor Samuel M. Hopkins James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs John Slidell John W. Mulligan Abraham Bloodgood Thomas J. Campbell Stephen Ludlam Samuel Torbert Jasper Ward Samuel Kip	Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of the inhabitants for a Well and Pump at the corner of Essex & Pump Streets, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh Ward and the Superintendant of repairs, with power to grant on the usual terms.

An Application of Captn Beare for the privilege of hauling his Ship in Duane Basin to lay during the Embargo, was referred to the [147] Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers, who forthwith reported that it was inexpedient to grant his request.

A Memorial of sundry Boatmen and Farmers concerned in purchasing manure, complaining of delays in loading and inferiority in the quality of manure, in consequence of the Superintendant of Streets employing two Boats, on his own account, in that business; was referred to Alderman Drake Mr Mulligan and Ward.

A Petition of Andrew Hegeman Junr to be appointed Measurer of grain, was referred to the Committee on applications for offices.

An Application of David Anderson for the privilege of landing passengers from Fort lee, at the Hobocken Ferry Stairs, for three years, for which he is willing to pay at the rate of Three Dollars pr annum, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

*A Petition of Godfrey Crawbuck for permission to keep a Butchers stand in Broadway near Chamber Street, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Ann Haviland representing her indigent circumstances with three young children and praying for relief, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

[148] †Memorials of John Remmey and of sundry inhabitants of Cross, Chamber and Reed Streets remonstrating against the Assessment for opening Cross Street, and praying that the same may be set aside and another assessment made, was referred to Counsel.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 186.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 171.*—Ed.

A Petition of Joseph Cheesman for remission of the penalty incurred for selling liquors without licence, was referred to the Attorney.

A Petition of Frederick Shonnard, respecting the west line of Bowery lane between Spring and Prince Streets, was referred to Aldermen Wood Fish Mott Messr Bloodgood and Ludlam.

*An Application of David Godwin that Hoboken Ferry Stairs may be repaired and rendered more secure was referred to the Ferry Committee.

†The Petition of Samuel Thompson and others praying for water grants in Hudson river in front of their property between Morton and Leroy Streets which was referred to the Comptroller, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

A Petition of Hugh O'Hare President of *of* a Society stiled the Bedlow Street Society, was received, praying the countenance of this [149] Board in their favour towards the preservation of the public peace and the suppression of vice and immorality in the said Street and its vicinity.

The Committee to whom was referred the ‡Petition of Isaac L. Kip, reported in favour of granting the prayer thereof, which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the ||Report of the Comptroller on the Petition of Henry Remmey, reported that the Comptroller be directed to settle with James Votey and receive from him Four Hundred Dollars in cash in full on account of his suretyship for said Remmey: and that the Comptroller also take such legal measures as may be right, in behalf of this Board, as far as relates to their claim to any ballance due them by said Remmey, as may enable him to take the benefit of the Insolvent Act of this State; which was confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the §Petition of Jacob McKeag, respecting the road at or near Horn's Hook Ferry

Report

That the Committee have examined the premises and are of opinion that some improvement is necessary to said road and likewise to the dock at said Ferry, and accordingly proceeded to an enquiry what [150] would probably be the expense and even went so far as to re-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 170.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 100. 161.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 131.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 138.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 68.*—Ed.

quest an estimate to be made therefor which estimate for completing the said improvement was Seven hundred Dollars. The Committee being of opinion that it would be improper for the Board to go into that expense for a situation productive of so little revenue to the Corporation as said Ferry, but being impressed with the necessity of affording better accommodations to the public, made the following proposition to Mr McKeag, Vizt To dig down or reduce the road at the upper edge of the rock or crown of the hill, which is about one hundred and fifteen feet from the Northeasterly corner of the new house, three feet, extending thence both ways, that is to say, Northerly on an elevation so as to meet the present surface One hundred and thirty feet from the place of beginning and Southwardly on a depression so as to meet the present surface one hundred and twenty feet from the said place of beginning and to raise the dock two feet: the front part thereof with stone and capped with a piece of timber to secure the same, the remainder part to be filled in with the materials taken from the said road, the front of said dock being seventy seven feet in length and extending back from the river, so as to form a smooth and even surface with and at the junction of the road near the easterly end of the house; the whole to be done in a good workmanlike manner, and to give him as a compen- [151] sation therefor the use of the said Ferry with the buildings and privileges thereunto belonging, free of rent for the term of two years, to commence from the first day of May next subject to the regulations of the Corporation respecting ferries: to which proposition Mr McKeag agreed to comply: and to which the Committee recommend the assent of the Corporation.

And the Committee further recommend that all improvements at the expense of this Board to the Buildings attached to said ferry, except the finishing the house lately erected, be for the present suspended.

Septr 19. 1808.

Jacob Mott
Stephn Ludlam.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of James Votey and John Montgomery, to be released from paying rents said to be due to the Corporation

Report

That they have taken some pains to enquire into the circumstances

* Marginal note reads *See P. 99.*—Ed.

of the above case and find that the said Votey and Montgomery agreed to pay, in consideration of the wharf being repaired in front of their yard, but it was only so partially done that it was of no consequence and caused them to move considerable of their lumber and Stone which was attended with great expense to them; [152] In addition to the above difficulty the building of Duane Basin Wharf kept their dock so lumbered, that they could not have the use of it, therefore Your Committee think the said Votey and Montgomery ought to be released from the above payment.

Septr 19. 1808.

John Bingham
Thos J. Campbell.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Committee on Wharves Slips and Piers to whom was referred the *Report of the Street Commissioner respecting the Piers at Coenties & Exchange Slips,

Reported that Peter Dob and John Anderson had been appointed Referrees to settle the differences that had arisen between Walter Allen Contractor for building said Piers and this Corporation as to the sufficiency of the work; whose award was presented, whereby it is determined that certain alterations are to be made to the work already done and that the sum of $714.49. be deducted from the amount agreed to be paid by this Board to the said Allen who is also to pay the costs incurred in submitting the subject in dispute to arbitration. Which was confirmed,

Warrt No 1258. And a Warrant ordered to be issued in favour of Peter Dob and John Anderson for $.11.50 the amount of said Costs.

[153] Ordered that the same Committee be authorized to appoint a suitable person to superintend the work remaining to be performed by Walter Allen to the aforesaid piers.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances to whom the †subject was referred, reported the draft of an Ordinance for regulating Pawnbrokers, which was ordered to lie for consideration, and Copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Members.

‡The draft of the Ordinance for regulating the keeping Swine, was called up, and ordered to lie over for further consideration.

The Attorney to whom was referred the Petitions of John Howson Martin Nevins Leonard Baley Amos Curtis and Elizabeth Mistee for remission of Penalties incurred for selling liquors without licence

* Marginal note reads *See P. 141.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 96.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 123.*—ED.

Reported that on exam[in]ing their respective cases he considered them entitled to the indulgence of the Board.

Ordered, that as far as this Corporation is concerned, that the fines incurred be remitted, the Petitioners paying the costs of suits.

The Comptroller presented the following Communication.

[154] *The Comptroller respectfully represents that Benjamin S. Judah has lately renewed his application for a grant of the soil under the water in front of his land at Harlem. He presented a †Petition to the Board the 2d of September 1790. which was referred to a Committee who ‡reported the 22d October following, that it would be proper to grant the same to him on reasonable terms. But they recommend "that previous to any grant thereof, an accurate survey thereof be made by one of the City Surveyors and laid before the Board." On the 12th of November the same Year it was ‖"ordered that grants be prepared to Benjamin S. Judah & Lawrence Benson for the soil from high to low water mark in Harlem river in front of their land on a quit rent of Ten shillings for every hundred feet, and a condition that they leave a Street of 40 feet on the outward part of the soil to be granted."

The 29th March 1791. it was §"Ordered that the quit rents reserved on the soil under water to be granted to Messrs Judah and Benson do not commence until the expiration of ten years."

From the length of time which has elapsed since the rent was established, the Comptroller wishes the sanction of the Board, if they think proper, to confirm the former order, or if they are of opinion that any alteration should be made that a Committee may be appointed to determine the quit rent previous to issuing a grant.

[155] As other applications for the like purpose may be expected, to adopt an uniform rate of water lot rents in the vicinity of Harlem would be expedient.

respectfully submitted.

Septr 19. 1808. G. N. Bleecker, Comptr

Ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correcting Nuisances from No 4463 to No 4466. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

¶Ordered that the City Inspector report an Ordinance to fill in a

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 162.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 10. P. 9.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 10. P. 38.*—Ed. ‖ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 10. P. 46.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See Vol. 10. P. 87.*—Ed. ¶ Marginal note reads *See P. 164. 456.*—Ed.

certain vacant lot situate on the East side of Broadway between Broome and Spring Street, and adjoining Lots belonging to the estate of James Walker deceased and Isaac Moses, at the expense of this Board, to operate as a lien on said Lot, the owner of which cannot be found.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Communication from the Commissioners for laying out Streets &c[a] reported the following resolutions, which were severally passed.

Resolved that whenever the Commissioners for laying out Streets &c. find that in making any survey they shall be obliged to cut trees or to do any other damage more than which is the mere necessary consequence of entering and surveying on the lands, [156] they be requested to confer with the owners of such lands and to have the lines run by amicable arrangements in the presence of such owner or of some persons appointed to assess the damage if any, or otherwise to have such damages amicably assessed the said Commissioners, in their discretion, first reporting the case to this Board where they shall apprehend the damages will be considerable, and in all cases reporting the assessments of damages as soon as made.

Resolved that in all such cases of damages amicably assessed this Board will provide for the payment thereof till further order be taken thereon

Resolved that in all cases where the owners shall refuse at all to suffer the necessary obstructions to be cleared away the Commissioners be requested to report the nature and circumstances of the case with the probable amount of the damage to this Board.

Ordered that the same Committee be requested to report on the suit mentioned in the Commissioners communication.

The following resolution was submitted by M[r] Torbert.

Resolved that in all suits brought hereafter for the breach of any law, ordinance or regulation of the Corporation of this city, for any sum or penalty not exceeding Twenty five Dollars, [157] the Attorney of this Board be directed to prosecute the same before the Assistant Justice of the Ward, wherein the party offending resides.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney.

Warr[t] N° 1259.

Resolved that the sum of Eighty Dollars be allowed to James Hardie for his services in transcribing the Manuscript laws of the Corporation, reading the proof sheets and making an Index to the last edition of the laws.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 119.*—ED.

*Ordered that the Comptroller be directed to obtain from Anthony L. Bleecker a deed of cession of all the Streets proposed to be ceded by him on the west side of Broadway.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for paving Bayard Street from Mulberry to Orange Street.

Ordered that the Superintendant of Streets cause to be removed any Oyster Shells in the Streets adjoining the Battery.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 11

John Whitlock, vice Wm J. Van Wagenen, resd
John Van Nostrand " Willm Haight dº

N° 21.

Lebbeus Chapman, Merchᵗ 103. Front. additional.
Thomas Powell, Chairmaker 86. Fair Sᵗ dº

N° 32.

William Pullis, Butcher. 111. Mott Sᵗ v. Richbill Mott, resd

[158] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 1248	Captᵗ Nichs Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$.276.36
1249	" William Van Wart. dº	.....	276.36
1250	" William Peterson. dº	.....	256.76
1251	" James Snow. dº	.....	256.76
1252	" Thomas Darling. dº	.....	266.56
1253	" Isaac Anderson. dº	.....	266.56
1254	Jacob P. Roome, Supᵗ repairs, Salary	.....	158.
1255	Beekman & Bogert, Carriage hire	.....	18.
1256	John Johnson for iron bolts &c. for wharves	.....	88.49
1257	William Dustan, Assessment for repaving Water Street	....	33.
1258	Peter Dobb & John Anderson, referree fees &c. on award with Walter Allen	.....	11.50
1259	James Hardie, for preparing Index to laws	.....	80.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 202.*—Ed.

[159] In Common Council, Septem[r] 26. 1808

Present Dewitt Clinton Esquire Mayor.

Jacob Mott. Dep. Mayor	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs John Slidell	Assistants.
Samuel M. Hopkins		John W. Mulligan	
James Drake		Simon Van Antwerp	
John Bingham		Abraham Bloodgood	
Thurston Wood		Thomas J. Campbell	
		Samuel Torbert	
		Jasper Ward	
		Samuel Kip.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Adam and Noah Brown and C. Bergh proprietors of a Fire Engine employed by them for the use of Ships, requesting permission to erect a building for the same near Gouverneur Street, in which case they are willing that said Engine may be applied for the extinction of Fires; was read and granted under the direction of the Superintendant of repairs.

*A Petition of Nicholas G. Carmer for a renewal of his Commission as Weighmaster, was referred to the Committee on applications for offices.

[160] Petitions of

†George Vaughan, for stand N° 38. Hudson Market, occupied by John Ten Broeck who is willing to relinquish the same in his favour.

‡Daniel Reynolds, for a stand in Duane Market:

||Joseph Page, for an exclusive privilege of selling Fish in said Market, for a limitted time: and of

Adam Ten Broeck, for permission to sell meat in the country market:

were severally referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Rowland Savage for a remission of penalty incurred for selling liquors without licence, was referred to the Attorney.

A Memorial of Isaac and William Coulthard, remonstrating against the Assessment for opening Cross Street, north of Magazine Street, was referred to Counsel.

A Memorial of the Trustees of the African Methodist Church, complaining of riots before their place of worship and against Duncan M[c]Donald a Watchman for abuse of his duty, was referred to the Market Committee.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 186.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 186.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 196.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 171.*—ED.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and Pump at the corner of Hester and Rynder Streets, was referred to the Alderman [161] and Assistant of the 6th Ward and Superintendant of repairs, with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Communication from Doctor Onderdonck respecting negligence in lighting public Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

An Answer of Leonard Lispenard and Alexander L. Stewart as well individually as Guardian to an Orphan interested therein, to the *Application of the Committee appointed to confer with the owners of ground in Canal Street, for a cession of that part of said Street which is contemplated to pass through the estate of the late Anthony Lispenard deceased, expressing their willingness on behalf of the Orphan and themselves to receive a compensation or equivalent for their property and damage, inferior to its just and true value; was read and ordered to be filed.

A Memorial of William Kay, stating that considerable sums are due him for digging and repairing Wells, during the period that Cornelius Warner was Superintendant of repairs, was referred to the Comptroller.

†The Petition of Samuel Thompson and others for waters grants in Hudson river fronting their property between Morton and Leroy Streets which was ‡referred, at the last meeting, to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers, was referred to the Finance Committee

[162] The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the ||report of the Street Commissioner in the case of William Houstoun

Report

That in their opinion the Board ought without delay to refund to Mr McGown the amount of Mr Houstouns note for $.101.39. paid him by the Street Commissioner for services rendered the Corporation; and as the amount of said Note is fairly and legally due from Mr Houstoun without any reservation within their knowledge, they recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to take legal measures for the recovery of the same.

Septr 26. 1808.

Abm Bloodgood
John Slidell

Warrt Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a warrant No 1262. be issued in favour of John McGown for $101.39.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 142.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 100.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 148.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 12. 31. 60.*—Ed.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Communication from the Comptroller on the claim of Benjamin S. Judah for the grant of the soil under water in front of his land at Harlem;

Reported that in their opinion the †order of the 12th Novr 1790 establishing the rate of water lot rents to Benjn S. Judah and Lawrence Benson ought to be confirmed, and that the Comptroller prepare grants accordingly.

Jas Drake
Jasper Ward
John Bingham
Abm Bloodgood

Sept. 26. 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[163] The following report was presented.

The Subscriber respectfully reports on the ‡Communications from Messrs John Murray and John Thompson.

That he is of opinion the respective lessees ought not to object to the payment of the rents stipulated in their Leases, by reason of ejectment suits having been commenced against them by persons claiming adverse to the Corporation, under whom the petitioners hold: for that they have an ample remedy in case of eviction; but as it is probable a decision at law upon the merits will be had speedily, and the applicants fully competent to pay what may be now due and also that to become due in future. I am of opinion that it would be adviseable for the present to delay the exaction of the rent.

If however the applicants have used the ground in such manner as to have yielded profit to them, I think they ought not to wait a decision at law, relying upon the covenants in their lease for indemnity.

All which is respectfully submitted

Ja. Woods

The ||Report of the Finance Committee on the Petition of the Clerk of the Alms House for an increase of his Salary was called up.

Ordered that he be allowed an additional compensation of One hundred Dollars per annum for services under the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell, to commence from the appointment of said Commissioners.

[164] The City Inspector, in behalf of the Street Commissioner, reported an Ordinance for paving Bayard Street from Mulberry to Orange Street which was passed, and Joseph Watkins John Stevens

* Marginal note reads *See P. 154.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 10. P. 46.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 117.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 73.*—Ed.

William Chivvis Ebenezer Clark and John Connor were appointed Assessors.

*The City Inspector reported, in conformity with the Order of the Board, the draft of an Ordinance for filling up certain sunken lots between Broome and Spring Streets, and Joseph Watkins John Stevens William Chivvis Ebenezer Clark and John Connor. were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from N° 4467 to N° 4474. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Whereas the Ninth Section of the Law to regulate Ferries has been frequently violated.

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board be authorised to pay to the person who shall detect and enable to prosecute any person or persons to conviction, after he shall have received the fine, such part thereof, not exceeding one half, as in his judgment shall seem meet and proper.

[165] Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised in behalf of this Board, to discount a note for $.10.000. at 60 days.

Warr[t] N° 1263 Ordered that further proceedings with respect to making turf at the Collect be suspended and that a Warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Wood for $100. on account thereof.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner, in conjunction with the Commissary of Military Stores on the part of the State, fill in Sugar loaf Street in front of the State Arsenal, to the height of the intended regulation of said Street.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

N°	1260	Castle & Fine, for repairs to Pumps.....	$116.68
	1261	Simon Van Antwerp, for Ironmongery.....	160.32
	1262	John McGown, for filling a Lot in Rynder Street, to be charged against s[d] Lot.....	101.39
	1263	Thurston Wood, Esq[r] on acc[t] of Turf at Collect.....	100.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 155. 456.*—ED.

[166] In Common Council, Oct^{r} 10th 1808.

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire Mayor.

Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor. Peter Mesier. Samuel M. Hopkins. Abraham King James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish	Esquires Aldermen.	Mess^{rs} John Slidell John W. Mulligan Simon Van Antwerp Abraham Bloodgood Thomas J. Campbell Stephen Ludlam Jasper Ward Samuel Kip.	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of a Majority of Proprietors interested for making and regulating Goerck Street from Grand to North Street was referred to the Street Commissioner:

Who forthwith reported an Ordinance for making and regulating the same, which was passed.

A Memorial of sundry inhabitants of the Tenth Ward, requesting that a Watchman may be stationed between Orchard and Rivington Street to prevent mischeivous persons from rendering [167] public Pumps useless by casting stones into them at nights, was referred to the Watch Committee.

*A Petition of Gilbert Titus for permission to sell meat in the lower Flymarket, was referred to the Market Committee.

†A Petition of Philip L. Luff, for stand N^{o} 5 in Duane Market, was referred to the same Committee.

An application of James Karr for permission to blast, at his own expense, part of the rock in Bloomingdale road, between the 5 & 6 Mile stones, and to remove the same for his own use, was referred to the Road Committee, with power to grant.

‡A Letter from Doctor Hunting Sherrill, resigning his situation as resident Physician of the Alms House, and returning his acknowledgments for the favour of this Board, was referred to Aldermen Drake Bingham, and M^{r} Ludlam.

Petitions of John Kelso, and John Doughty, for remission of penalties incurred for selling liquors without licence, were referred to the Attorney.

An Application of John Milledoler and others remonstrating against the survey for repaving the intersection of Pearl and Bancker

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 207.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 186.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 198.*—Ed.

Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth ward, and the Street Commissioner, with power to alter the regulation as may be proper.

[168] *A Petition of James Marsh for permission to transfer his stand N° 60. Flymarket, was referred to the Market Committee.

†A Memorial of John P. Anthony & others remonstrating against the verdict of the Jury impannelled at the last Mayors Court to assess the damages sustained by Walter Bowne for ground to be taken from him for widening Frankfort Street at the junction of Pearl Street, was referred to Alderman Mott M^r Ludlam and Slidell.

A Petition of Nicholas Roome, keeper of the State prison, remonstrating against the ‡amendment to the Law for the prevention & extinguishing Fires &c^a lately passed; it being impossible to comply there with on account of the peculiar construction of the chimnies of said prison. Whereupon

Ordered that the State prison be exempted from the purview of said amendment.

A further Memorial of Thomas Duggan respecting his claim for damages for opening Canal was referred to the Committee of which Alderman Mesier is Chairman.

||A Memorial of William Allen Inspector of Firewood, praying for a more equal division of the Inspection districts on the east and west sides of Coenties Slip was referred to Alderman Mesier Bingham and M^r Van Antwerp.

[169] A Petition of George Sanns, for remission of penalty incurred for selling Bread light of weight, pleading ignorance and his distressed situation, was referred to the Attorney.

§A Petition of John Smalley and Peter Fenton Jun^r for reimbursement of $22.25. Costs and damages incurred in executing the orders of the Magistrates for apprehending disorderly persons, for examination, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Recommendation in favour of Ezel Simonson to be appointed Watchman, was referred to the same Committee.

Petitions of Joseph Burjeau, and James Hardie to be admitted Freemen of this City were granted who appeared and took the Freemans Oath prescribed by Charter.

Alderman John Bingham, Jacob Mott Thurston Wood, James Drake Mess^rs John W. Mulligan Thomas J. Campbell Samuel Cowdry

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 186.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 187.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 134.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 264.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See Report P. 187.*—ED.

Jacob P. Roome, and Edward Moran, were respectively, on application, admitted Freemen and took the Freemans Oath.

On application Ordered that John McLean Commissary of Military Stores be permitted to inclose within the Fence he is about erecting around the State Arsenal, that part of White Street adjoining thereto, and to apply the same for public uses [170] until the premises shall be required to be improved for a Street, when the Fence to be erected as aforesd shall be removed, and the Street laid open.

*An application of Robert R. Livingston Esqr for the assignment of a birth in one of the public Slips for the accomodation of the Steam Boat plying between this City and Albany, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

The subject of fixing a Watch Box and stationing a Watchman at the African Church, was referred to the Watch Committee.

On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House.

Warrant N° 1285. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour, on Acct of the Alms House & Bridewell for $.2000.

On application of the Building Committee

Warrt N° 1286. Ordered that a warrant be issued, on their account, in favour of John H. Sickles for $.2000.

On application of Jacob Cholwell contractor for lighting the public lamps

Warrt N° 1287. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour on account for $.3000.

The following report was presented.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the †subject of David Godwin

Report

That they have examined Hobocken Ferry Stairs and are fully convinced of the impropriety of continuing and repairing it in its present situation, as there ever will [171] be a continual interruption and contention in getting the Ferry Boats out of the mouth of the Basin in consequence of the numerous river Vessels which frequent this place. Therefore to prevent all future difficulties and obstructions to the Ferry we recommend that a Block of Thirty 30 feet square with an L of Thirty 30 feet long and Fifteen 15. feet Broad at the Top, be sunk forty five feet from the north side of the end of the Pier at the lower end of

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 187.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 214. also. P. 148.*—ED.

Vesey Street, and that a Bridge be built Forty five feet long and Thirty feet wide to connect with said Pier and Block and be built solid in the centre down to what is generally computed below the lowest tide of low water mark.

Jacob Mott
Octo^{r} 10th 1808. Simon Van Antwerp
Step^{n} Ludlam.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Street Commissioner *advertise for proposals and report the same to this Board.

A Report of the Market Committee in favour of granting †Joseph Page an exclusive priviledge for 12. months from the 1st day of November next, to sell Fish in Duane Market, subject however to the directions and controul of the Board and the Market Committee for the time being, was ordered to lie for consideration.

The following Report was presented by the Counsel

The Subscriber respectfully reports upon the annexed ‡petitions, that he has carefully examined the same, as also the Minutes and proceedings of the Corporation in relation to the matters complained of, [172] by all which it appears the Petitioners are desirous to set aside an Assessment regularly reported to and ||confirmed by the Board sometime past.

That it further appears Assessors had been appointed in the first instance and upon their report coming in and objections made thereto it was referred to a select Committee of the Corporation to enquire as to the propriety of its being adopted, and they being of opinion that a further examination ought to be had in the premises, Five other and indifferent persons were accordingly appointed, whose Assessment was reported in August last and regularly confirmed by the Board. To set aside that Assessment the present applications have been made and the question referred to the subscriber, as he supposes, is, Whether in judgment of Law it would be correct to rescind the order of confirmation heretofore made, and again open the subject for investigation? I think not. Nothing appears from the proceedings or the adjudication of the Assessors to show that they were biassed or had not sufficient information to decide upon the matters referred to them, And they being impartial persons having acted in good faith and fully competent to the discharge of the trust reposed in them.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 189.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 160.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 148.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 109.*—ED.

I am of Opinion that the Assessment last made, ought to be conclusive, and all parties interested therein respectively bound by it. If however it should be found upon examination or from any documents to be produced or in any other manner that the Assessors have acted corruptly or partially, neither of which is shewn to the Subscriber, then as [173] well upon principles of Law as equity the subject ought to be reviewed.

Oct. 10th 1808. Ja. Woods.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Report of the Attorney of the Verdict of the Jury for damages awarded in favour of Walter Bowne amounting to $.4000. for ground taken from him for widening Frankfort Street, was referred to Alderman Mott Messrs Ludlam and Slidell.

The Attorneys to whom was referred the Petitions of Nathan Jennings Rowland Savage Jacob Morrells Joseph Cheeseman Isaac Frazer, and Samuel E. Martin for remission of penalties incurred for selling liquors without licences,

Reported that on examination he considered them severally intitled to the indulgence of the Common Council.

Ordered that as far as this Board is concerned that their fines be respectively remitted the Petitioners paying costs of suits.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

It being the duty of the Comptroller to report any encroachments made on the real estate of the Corporation, he has the honor to present the [174] following communication.

Information from a respectable source having been given that some person or persons unknown were in the practice of clandestinely taking stone from a place at Hellgate, called Millrock, for the purpose of filling in Docks in the vicinity, whereby the property of the Corporation not only sustained injury, but the benefit of this spot as a mark for Navigators was seriously affected.

The Comptroller immediately took measures to obtain more particular information on this subject, and finds, from the acknowledgment of Jacob McKeag, who rents the Ferry at Horns Hook, that he has obtained about Twenty Cart loads of Stone from the abovementioned rock for the purpose of filling a Dock belonging to Nathaniel Prime near that place. He mentioned that it was only loose stone which he thought it would not be objectionable to remove, and

that he did not intend to break the rock. Having been forbidden to renew the trespass, he promised compliance.

The facts are stated to the Board for their order.

respectfully submitted

Oct. 10th 1808. G. N. Bleecker. Comptr

Ordered that the Comptroller adopt the necessary measures to prevent a repetition of the like trespass.

Reports from the Police Office, that

Capt Darling	had suspended		Burnell Tims	for sleeping on their Posts.
" Lawrence		do	John Holloway	
" "		do	Peter Shearer	
" Peterson		do	Isaac Boyce	
" "		do	Jacob Arnold	
" "		do	Briggs Pinckney	

[175] and that Capt. Snow had reported Adzel Simmons, for disobedience of orders,

were severally referred to the Watch Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving at the Flymarket and South Street from Wall Street to Burling Slip, which was confirmed, and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving Catherine Street from Bedlow to Cherry Street, which was confirmed and Henry Van pelt was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving and repairing Rynder Street and the intersection of Hester Street, which was confirmed and William P. Roome was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board that most of the walks in Greenwich Street between Rector and Beaver Streets where the carriage way has been repaved, will require to be adjusted to the line of the Curbstone, and others are so bad as to require to be made new. It was expected that the individuals would repair their walks, but many of them are desirous that it may be done uniformly by contract, and others, if it is left to them, will patch them up, uneven as they are, as has been already attempted by some of them. The walks are already very flat, and unless care is taken, in many places will not carry off the water. The Street Commissioner is therefore of opinion that they ought to be [176] done by contract, and included in the assessment for repaving the Street which has not

yet been made out, and presents the draft of an Ordinance for that purpose which in his opinion ought to be passed.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Oct[r] 10. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and the Ordinance was passed accordingly.

Andrew Morris Isaac Sebring John Nitchie Jun[r] John H. Sickles & Thomas Bolton were app[d] Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred several applications from Isaac Clason, Marinus Willett and others requesting the Common Council to take measures for removing the extra earth in Broome Street provided the same could be done without expense to the proprietors, having as they state already paid an Assessment for that purpose: has the honor to report

That previous to his being under the Board a profile and regulation of Broome Street from the Bowery to the river was made by M[r] Loss and the Street dug and filled as he is informed and believes nearly to it, but that the said profile was at the time considered only a temporary regulation.

That the Common Council have since that period extended the permanent line of Water grants into the East river which makes it necessary to raise the grounds east of Lewis Street, higher than was contemplated by M[r] Loss, who did not, and in fact could not, at that time, take such a circumstance into his [177] consideration.

That within the last two years, M[r] Stillwell by direction of the Board has made a permanent profile of Broome Street and for which the Common Council have advanced to him Fifty Dollars, fairly chargeable upon an Assessment for the regulation of that Street when such Assessment is effected.

That by this profile it appears that Broome Street is to be reduced between Norfolk and Lewis Streets and filled from Lewis to the river, and that there is not more earth in the Street than would be required to fill the part easterly of Lewis Street.

The Street Commissioner under these circumstances, and governed by an existing resolution of the Common Council directing no earth to be carried from a Street to fill Lots, without their express approbation, did not feel himself justified in reporting in favour of removing the extra earth in Broome Street, unless the proprietors, where filling

is required, should give their consent to such removal; and he has now the satisfaction to cover letters from the majority of the proprietors, wherein they express a wish that Mr Lovett and Mr Halsey the applicants for the earth, should have liberty to carry it to Sheriff Street, without expence to them.

The Street Commissioner does not now conceive that there would be any impropriety in permitting him to contract with Mr Lovett and Mr Halsey to remove the earth, which they have consented to do, free of expence; provided the Fifty Dollars advanced by the Corporation was secured to be refunded to them by the proprietors [178] as that is a real expense upon the Street which cannot be recovered in any other way short of an Assessment. The Board will perhaps take this particular in their consideration and with their usual liberallity agree to remit the expences of the said Survey, in which case no further difficulty will occur to retard the completion of the wishes of the applicants.

All which is respectfully submitted

Octr 10. 1808 John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the expense of the Survey be remitted.

The Street Commissioner represented that the pavement at Brooklyne, wherein the Common Council is interested was nearly completed, and the expense would probably exceed Two hundred Dollars, and requested that a warrant might be issued in favour of William Burk for $150. on account.

Warrt
No 1288. Ordered that a warrant be issued accordingly.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for laying the Curb and paving the Carriage way of Jay Street from Greenwich Street to Washington Street which was passed, and Benjamin Romaine Lewis Ford Arthur Smith Joseph Watkins, and Amos Corning were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner represented that the easterly corner of the Bulkhead at Charlotte Slip [179] had given way, and that the earth at every rain was washing into the Slip, and that it required to be immediately repaired:

Ordered that the subject be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

The Street Commissioner represented that there is now due to Halsey & Westervelt $625. for the 2d instalment on the L at Jay Street, and recommended that a Warrant be issued in their favour.

Warrt
No 1289 Which was ordered accordingly.

He also represented that Walter Allen is entitled to his second installment upon his contract for building the piers between Coenties & Exchange Slips, and recommended that a warrant be issued in his favour for $.2125. And that the Mayor sign a Bond to Mr Sebring, or any other person the proprietors may appoint, for that amount; and that the money arising therefrom be deposited in the Treasury to meet the said warrant.

Warrt Ordered that a warrant be issued in conformity and that a
No 1290. Bond be issued as proposed.

The Clerk reported that agreeably to the *order of Common Council, he has provided Dewitts large Map of the State of New York, with the boundaries of the new Counties delineated thereon, which cost Ten Dollars and is deposited in his Office.

The City Inspector presented the following communication.

The City Inspector has the honour to represent that agreeably to law the names of the members of the several Fire Engine Companies in this city are to be reported to the Common Council in the beginning [180] of November.

To obtain uniformity in the returns of the several companies, the City Inspector proposes that Blanks be printed and furnished to the Foreman of each respective Company, agreeably to Form No 1. herewith presented.

It would be also desireable that the reports of new members elected and to be approved by the Common Council should be made with more correctness and uniformity. For this purpose the City Inspector proposes that blanks be printed and furnished as aforesaid agreeably to Form No 2.

The City Inspector has made a rough Register of the whole Fire department. He respectfully proposes that a Book be provided to record the same, whereto ready access can at all times be had as well to ascertain the members of the respective Companies, as to furnish certificates in evidence that such persons are exempted, agreeably to Law from serving in the Militia or on Juries. The expense attending

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18 P. 430.*—ED.

these objects can not be much and the benefit as to forms of Office and the despatch of business will be all important.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Oct. 10th 1808 John Pintard.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances from N° 4475 to N° 4485 inclusive, for the purpose of correcting nuisances.

Ordered that the same do pass.

[181] The following Resolution was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Commissioners for laying out Streets &c[a] on laying out the bounds of the lots on the Middle road.

Resolved that John Pintard be directed to provide Indexes for such of the Minutes of the Common Council as have not heretofore been indexed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 7.

Eleazer Lundy, Currier, 7. Ferry, Street. 4th Ward vice Thomas Bryan, absconded.

N° 12.

Thomas W. Mott, Upholsterer, 24. Oak Street, v. John Clapp. resigned

N° 21.

Richard Ely, Merchant. 103. Front Street. 1st Ward.

David Loring, Cabinetmaker. 40. Beekman. 2d Ward v. Thomas Powell.

N° 22.

John Steward, Rigger, Harman Street. N° 10.

George Widdis, Ship Carpenter, 136. Division.

N° 26.

Coles Dean. vice Henry Reynolds removed.

N° 27.

Tunis Van Winkle, Mason, 5. Ward v. John M. Riker resigned.

N° 33.

Conkling Burtis. vice Coles Dean, resigned.

[182] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

Nº 1264	Captᵗ Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$276.36
1265	" William Van Wart. dº	.....	276.36
1266	" William Peterson. dº	.....	256.76
1267	" James Snow dº	.....	256.76
1268	" Thomas Darling. dº	.....	266.56
1269	" Isaac Anderson dº	.....	266.56
1270	John Pintard, City Inspector. Salary	.....	312.50
1271	James Hardie, Assistᵗ to dº dº	.....	62.50
1272	Andrew Otterson dº to Stᵗ Commʳ dº	.....	52.
1273	Edward Moran dº dº dº	.....	52.
1274	Frederick Eckhert, Carpenters work for Supᵗ repairs	.....	168.12
1275	Joseph Boyd Carting " dº	.....	35.
1276	Jacob Straut. dº " dº	.....	27.
1277	George McCamman, labour " dº	.....	26.
1278	Simeon Dewitt, for Map of State of N York	.....	10.
1279	Beekman Van Beuren, repairs to roads	.....	404.43
1280	James L. Jacokes, dº to Pumps	.....	133.56
1281	O Neil & Lee, for well & pump, (Stanton & Essex)	.....	28.
1282	Joseph Burjeau, for Marshals attendᵈ on Sunday	.....	44.
1283	Charles Loss. for surveying	.....	263.
1284	John Poillon, for well & Pump, (Grand & Bowery)	.....	34.
1285	William Mooney, Supᵗ of Alms House	.....	2000.
1286	John H. Sickles, on accᵗ of Building Committee	.....	2000.
1287	Jacob Cholwell dº for lighting lamps	.....	3000.
1288	William Burk, dº paving at Brooklyne	.....	150.
1289	Halsey & Westervelt 2ᵈ instalᵗ for L at Jay Stᵗ Pier	.....	625.
1290	Walter Allen—dº for Piers at Coenties & Exchange Slips	..	2125.

[183] In Common Council, Octʳ 17th 1808.

Present _ Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Jacob Mott	Messrs John Slidell	
Samuel M. Hopkins	John W. Mulligan	
Abraham King	Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake	Esquires Abraham Bloodgood	Assistants.
John Bingham	Aldermen Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood	Stephen Ludlam	
	Samuel Torbert	
	Jasper Ward	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Asa Holden requesting that the Ordinance served upon him, for filling certain sunken lots in Sullivan Street, may be suspended until the decision of a suit depending between him and the heirs of Anthony Lispenard decᵈ respecting the extent of their respective grounds shall be determined, when he will instantly fill such part as shall be adjudged to belong to him; was granted.

A Petition of William Shotts for a butchers licence and to be allowed a stand in Corlaer's Hook market, was referred to the Market Committee.

[184] A Petition of John McKie remonstrating against a suit brought against him by the Attorney of the Board for non compliance with the conditions of his water grant in Hudson river near North Moore Street, and praying that the same may be discontinued, alledging that he was complying with said conditions before and at the time said suit was commenced, was referred to Mr Campbell Alderman Bingham and Hopkins, who forthwith reported in favour of discontinuing the suit on payment of costs, which was confirmed

A Petition of Cornelius C. Roosevelt guardian of the children of Doctor Samuel Nicoll, decd stating that he has been sued for the amount of quit rent due to this Corporation for a Pier situate between Exchange and Coenties Slips belonging to said Estate, which, in consideration that said Estate is insufficient, as he sets forth, to support the children, he proposes to surrender to this Corporation in lieu of the rent due; was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

A Petition of Gilbert Coutant, praying that he may be allowed to assign the lease of half a lot of ground leased to Benjamin Charlton and by him mortgaged to the Petitioner which by virtue of a judgment was sold at public auction to John Peshine; was granted.

*A Petition of John Suydam and others praying that the old Piers at Exchange and [185] Coenties Slips may be repaired, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

An Application of Moses Sittil, to be appointed Apothecary of the Alms House, was referred to Alderman Drake, Bingham and Mr Ludlam.

†A Petition of Fire Engine Company No 4. for a new Fire Engine, was referred to the Fire Department.

A Memorial of Andrew O. Miller and other Weighmasters, for augmentation of their fees, was referred to Alderman Drake Messrs Ludlam and Slidell.

‡A further Memorial of William Kay respecting his claim for monies due, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Richard Tierney & James Hogan for a Ballance due them for extra work for regulating and paving Magazine Street, oc-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 207.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 228.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 161. Report P. 196.*—ED.

casioned by widening said Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th. Ward and the Comptroller.

A Petition of John Wilson for payment for filling a hollow space in Leonard Street near Elm Street, by order of the Street Commissioner was referred to the Street Commissioner.

An invitation was received from Captain John McLean, Commissary of Military Stores requesting the honour of the Mayor and Corporation [186] to attend the ceremonial of depositing the State Artillery and Military Stores in the New Arsenal tomorrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Aldermen Mott, Drake, Mesier, Messrs Ward and Slidell were appointed a *Committee to examine the Treasurers revenue accounts.

A report from the Police Office that Captain Darling had suspended Stephen Ogden for sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

The Committee on applications for Offices to whom was referred the Petitions of †Nicholas G. Carmer and others to be appointed Weighmasters, reported that in their opinion it is inexpedient to make any additional appointments at present, which was confirmed.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of ‡Joseph Marsh for permission to transfer his Stall N° 60. Flymarket to William Foster, and of ||George Vaughan for the grant of Stand N° 38. Hudson Market, reported in favour of the prayer of the petitioners, which was confirmed.

The Same Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of §Philip Luff, for the grant of stand N° 5. Duane Market, and of ¶Godfrey Crawbuck for permission to place a Stall in Broadway near Chamber Street, reported against the Petitions which was also confirmed.

[187] The Watch Committee to whom was referred the **Petition of John Smalley and Peter Fenton Junr reported that having considered the claim of the Petitioner's, they recommend that a warrant be issued in favour of Isaac A. Van Hook their attorney for $.22.25. for costs of suits— which was confirmed and a warrant Ordered accordingly.

Warrt N° 1309.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 208.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 159.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 168.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *P. 160.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 167.*—Ed. ¶ Marginal note reads *See P. 147.*—Ed. ** Marginal note reads *See P. 169.*—Ed.

The Committee on Wharves Slips and Piers to whom was referred the *application of Robert R. Livingston, Reported, that in their opinion it would be inexpedient to grant an exclusive privilege for any vessel to lie at the public wharves, which was confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the †remonstrance of the inhabitants of Frankfort Street against the verdict of the Jury awarding damages to Walter Bowne in consequence of taking his ground for widening said Street:

Report

That the Committee, having deliberately considered the case, are of opinion that as the Jury was summoned by order of the Board, at the request of the inhabitants of said Street, the Corporation cannot with propriety refuse to comply with their verdict having by the aforesaid act so far pledged the faith of the Corporation as to justify Mr Bowne in prosecuting for damages in case the Board should reject it, which opinion corresponds with the opinion of the Counsellor of the Corpora- [188] tion the Committee having consulted him on the occasion, which damages if recovered must be paid by the Corporation without any remedy against the persons objecting against the said Verdict, consequently the Committee think the Board bound in duty to approve the said Verdict

Jacob Mott
Oct. 17th 1808 — Stepn Ludlam
Jno Slidell.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Counsel of the Board.

The Committee appointed on the ‡Communication respecting land of the Corporation alledged to be in the possession of Peter P. Van Zandt in the Ninth Ward, reported that it is necessary that a survey be made under the direction of the Street Commissioner to ascertain the particular quantity of ground in question and recommend that the same be performed by the next meeting of the Board: which was confirmed.

The Committee on the ||Communication of the Commissioners for laying out Streets &ca further reported, that Mr Mills has agreed to have his damages assessed by referrees, one to be appointed by him and one by Mr DeWitt.

The Attorney to whom was referred the Petitions of George Mur-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 170.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 168. 200.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 139.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 119.*—Ed.

ray and Samuel Haring, for remission of the penalties incurred for selling liquors without licences, reported in their favour.

Ordered that the same be confirmed, the Petitioners paying costs of suits.

[189] The Street Commissioner represented that two instalments were now due to Daniel Woolsey on his contract for building an L at the Pier at Partition Street, amounting to $.1123.

Warr[t] N° 1310. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Daniel Woolsey for that amount.

Agreeably to *order the Street Commissioner reported that he had advertised for contracts for building a Bridge and two Blocks at the foot of Vesey Street, and presented the several proposals sealed which had been received at his Office.

On opening and examining the same the proposal of Halsey and Westervelt to execute the work, was accepted.

An Account of Scott & Meighan for repaving round Exchange Market and the intersection of South and Broad Streets, amounting to $.200.75 was presented.

Warr[t] N° 1311. Ordered that a warrant be issued in their favour for that amount.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correcting Nuisances from N° 4486 to N° 4497. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Alderman Hopkins presented the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed with power to settle, on behalf of this Board, by compromise or reference all demands made in conse- [190] quence of damage, not wantonly or unnecessarily committed by the Surveyors or others employed under the Commissioners now surveying this island: and that the same Committee be instructed to report amendments to be proposed to the Honorable Legislature of this State to the Law under which the said Commissioners act.

Which a division being called, passed in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative		Negative	
Alderman	Hopkins	Alderman	Mott
	King		Wood
	Drake	Messrs	Van Antwerp
	Bingham		Bloodgood
Messrs	Slidell		Campbell
	Mulligan		Ludlam
	Ward.		Torbert.

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 170.*—ED.

The Board being equally divided the Mayor gave his casting vote in the Affirmative.

N° 31.

Peter Wooley was appointed Fireman, v. George Haines expelled. the Chief Engineer certifying a vacancy.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

N° 1291	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$276.36
1292	" William Van Wart. do	.....	276.36
1293	" William Peterson do	.....	256.76
1294	" James Snow do	.....	256.76
1295	" Thomas Darling do	.....	272.16
1296	" Isaac Anderson do	.....	269.36
1297	Henry Fitz for Watchmens Caps	.....	8.
1298	Jacob Dela Montagnie, Special Justice, Salary	.....	250.
1299	Joshua Barker do do	.....	250.
1300	[191] Bernard Oblenis, Clerk to Special Justices Salary	....	250.
1301	Public Advertiser, Subscription &c[a]	.....	143.97
1302	Peter Burtsell, Stationary, for City Inspecrs office	.....	69.87
1303	Wm J. Waldron, for Assessors for Tax. 1808	.....	925.
1304	Samuel B. Romaine, preparing Tax books	.....	300.
1305	Gosman & McComb, paving intersections	.....	69.71
1306	do do Streets	.....	458.35
1307	James Richardson, cleaning Well	.....	9.50
1308	Samuel B. Waldron, repairs to roads	.....	346.15
1309	Isaac A Van Hook, costs agt John Smalley & Peter Fenton Junr Watchmen, by order	.....	22.25
1310	Daniel Woolsey, for L at Partition Street Pier	.....	1123.
1311	Scott & Meighan, paving intersections	.....	200.75

The following persons, on application, were admitted Freemen of this City, and respectively took the Oath prescribed by the Charter. Josiah Shippey. Junr Andrew I. McLaughlin. Leonard Warner Israel Lewis John P. Roome William J. Waldron.

[192] In Common Council, Octor 24th 1808

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John Slidell	Assistants.
Samuel M. Hopkins		Simon Van Antwerp	
Abraham King		Abraham Bloodgood	
James Drake		Thomas J. Campbell	
John Bingham		Stephen Ludlam	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
		Jasper Ward	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John Cooper for a Butchers licence, and a grant of

Stand No. 4. Spring Market occupied by James Kirk, who is willing to relinquish the same in his favour, was granted.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Beach and Chapel Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward and the Supert of repairs, with power to grant on the usual terms.

An Application of the Inhabitants in Anthony Street for additional Lamps was referred to the Lamp Committee.

[193] A Petition of Doctor Chapman for remission of a Fine levied by the Superintendant of Streets for not sweeping before his unoccupied House N° 42. Thomas Street, which was omitted, as he alleges, in consequence of said Street being about to be repaved, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward, with power to remit the same if proper.

A Petition of Messrs Cheesman and Journeay for remission of the penalty incurred for selling liquors without the Excise licence, was referred to the Attorney.

An Application from George Warner for payment of 2 Years due on his bond, given for the opening of Canal Street, was granted.

A Communication was received from Simeon DeWitt Esqr in behalf of the Commissioners for laying out Streets &ca informing that they had closed their business for this season and requesting a Warrant for $191.27. to discharge the accounts of the persons employed by them and for incidental expenses.

Warrt N° 1317. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Mr DeWitt for that amount.

An application of Beekman Van Beuren Overseer of the roads, for leave of absence, was granted.

On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House.

Warrt N° 1318. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for $.3000.

[194] The Mayor presented the following Communication to him from His Excellency the Governor.

New York. 22d October. 1808.

Dear Sir:

In consequence of the cession of ground near the Battery to the United States for an Arsenal and to the Corporation for the extension of Bridge Street, two small gores of public ground have been entirely seperated from the residue of the State property. One of them is bounded by Pearl Street on the East, Bridge Street on the North,

State Street on the west and Mr Gracie's land on the South, containing Nineteen feet in width on Pearl Street and a few feet more in width on Bridge Street. The second is a triangular Strip fronting Whitehall Street and running to a point in the South side of Bridge Street.

As the above mentioned strips of ground are in their present State of little or no use to the public, and as the appropriation for the State Arsenal proves inadequate to complete the Arsenal, Workshops, Fences &c[a] and to regulate the ground, I am disposed to recommend to the Legislature, and hope they will acquiesce in the recommendation, to sell the two abovementioned gores of ground to raise a fund to complete the Arsenal, Workshop, Gunhouses &c[a] But in consequence of an Act of the Legislature, declaring the title and the uses to be made of the ground on the Battery [195] and appurtenant to the Government House it may be necessary to obtain the assent of the Corporation to a sale for private purposes. I shall therefore be greatly obliged if you will submit this subject to their consideration at the next meeting and ascertain whether they will yield their assent.

The liberality of the Corporation, in granting gratuitously the ground for an Arsenal, Magazine and other public uses, induces me to believe that they will not hesitate in acceeding to a sale of the abovementioned gores for the purpose above specified; especially when they reflect that they are useless to the State without such disposition and that the proceeds are contemplated to be applied for the ornament of the city and the convenience and safety of its inhabitants.

Permit me to improve this opportunity to communicate to the Corporation my sincere thanks for the liberality and patriotism they have displayed in relation to all the subjects upon which I have had occasion to trouble them during the summer, and to convey to you personally my acknowledgements for your politeness in accommodating me with an Office and for numerous other instances of attention and kindness.

I am Dear Sir

With great respect & esteem

The Honorable
DeWitt Clinton.

Your ob[d] Ser[t]
Daniel D. Tomkins.

Whereupon Resolved, That this Board assent to the sale of the said two gores of ground, for the [196] purposes aforesaid, should the Legislature judge the same to be expedient.

A Report from the Police Office that Cap[t] Snow had suspended Henry Sise, for sleeping on his post was referred to the Watch Committee.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of William Kay (and James Horner) praying an adjustment of their accounts Reported that on examining the accounts in the Comptroller's Office they find that a warrant was issued on the 12th August 1805 for $228.50. Also a †Warrant on the 18th Novr 1805 for $618. for work done from 16th July to 11th Septr being the full amount of the foregoing accounts.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the ‡Petition of Daniel Reynolds for a ||stand in Duane Market, reported in favour of his petition, which was confirmed.

The following report was presented.

§The Committee to whom was referred the several applications of Thomas Buckley, Jacob Schiefflin, Joseph Bird & John B. Lawrence for grants from high to low water in front of their property at Manhattan Ville;

Report,

That having viewed the premises, the Committee recommend to the Corporation to direct grants to be made to said [197] applicants on the following terms Vizt

To Thomas Buckley and Jacob Scheifflin in front of their ground at Harlem Cove from high to low water, on their agreeing to pay to the use of the Corporation the annual quit rent of one shilling per foot for the first twenty five years and two shillings per foot for ever after;

And to John B. Lawrence in front of his ground on the northwardly side of said cove Three hundred and eighty feet along the margin of the river making at right angles (and on which a quit rent ought to be paid) about two hundred and thirty feet on his paying to the use of the Corporation annually six cents per foot for the first twenty five years and one shilling per foot forever after; Reserving to the Corporation for a public basin in front of the block between Manhattan Street and Lawrence Street, including half the breadth of each of said Streets and containing two hundred and Sixty six feet with all the Streets that may be or hereafter may become necessary. And as some doubts may exist, from the irregular course of the Shore, respecting the true line of high water in said Cove, the Committee recommend that a line drawn from a point where high water intersects the line

* Marginal note reads *See P. 185.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 15. P. 399. Warrt No 1721.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 160.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *No. 8.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 118. P. 205. P. 234.*—Ed.

between the ground of Michael Hogan and Thomas Buckley running thence northwardly until it intersects the northwardly side of Schiefflin Street, Fifty feet westwardly of the house of Thomas M^{c}Grath be considered the line of high water and that one hundred feet be the estimated distance between high and low water in said grants.

[198] And the Committee further recommend that said grants be made out to said applicants agreeably to the terms aforesaid on they or either of them ceding to the Corporation (by a good and sufficient title) a lot of ground, near the line of high water, fronting on Lawrence Street for the use and accommodation of a Ferry, and that the lines bounding or dividing said grants be run or laid parallel with Manhattan Street.

And further the Committee recommend that Ordinances be served on Thomas Buckley Jacob Schiefflin and Joseph Bird, directing them to fill up and regulate their ground, lying in said Cove, that is situate above the said line of high water mark within the space of two years from this date.

Jacob Mott
Simon Van Antwerp
Step^{n} Ludlam.

24th Oct^{r} 1808.

*Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the †Communication of Doctor Hunting Sherril resigning his situation in the Alms House

Report

That taking into consideration the concerns of the Alms House in respect of the care of the sick and infirm belonging to the institution, they find on examination that they have not had that care and attention paid them that their various and complicated disorders require, and from information to your Committee understand that the expense of Medicine has [199] increased in the term of a few years, from two to three hundred Dollars per an. to between Six and Seven hundred Dollars a year.

Your Committee likewise represent that in their applications to a number of respectable Physicians to ascertain on what terms they would take charge of the sick belonging [to] the house as well as to attend the sick children at nurse out of doors and any special call to the poor when necessary, find the proposals of Doctor John Huyler to be the most favourable, who will undertake all the above duties and visit

* Marginal note reads *Rescinded. See. P. 236.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 167.*—Ed.

the Alms House dailey for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars a year. Your Committee from the assurances of the character and reputation of the said Doctor Huyler beg leave to recommend him to the Board as suitable person for Physician to the Alms House.

Ja^{s} Drake
Oct^{r} 24. 1808. John Bingham
Step^{n} Ludlam

On the question for confirming said Report a Motion for postponing the consideration, was on a division, lost as follows.

Affirmative.	Negative.
Alderman Mott	Alderman Drake
King	Bingham
M^{r} Bloodgood	Wood
Torbert	M^{r} Slidell
Ward.	Van Antwerp
	Campbell
	Ludlam.

The question for confirming the report was then taken and carried.

M^{r} Torbert gave notice that he should move for a reconsideration of the report at the next meeting.

[200] The Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward reported that the Pier at Jay Street was nearly completed, and recommended that a warrant be issued in favour of Mess^{rs} Westervelt & Halsey, for $.687.50. Amount of the 3^{d} instalment.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 1319. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in their favour for that sum.

The following report was presented by the Counsellor of the Board.

From an examination of the Act of the Legislature of this State by virtue of which the *proceedings stated in the annexed representation were had, I am of opinion that the verdict of the Jury and the judgment of the Court thereupon as referred to in the Statute are in no case obligatory upon the Common Council, but they are at liberty to approve or not conform to the same, as in their discretion they shall see fit and proper under all circumstances.

My reasons for this opinion are, that by construction of that statute the intention of the Legislature appears to me generally to have been to adopt the common maxim "that private interest ought to yield to public good," upon a suitable "recompense being made"—and that where express power or right is given to the one alone of two parties

* Marginal note reads *See P. 187. 325.*—ED.

by statute after payment of the money awarded by the Jury or a tender thereof the Common Council had a right to cause the ground so valued to be used for public purposes: But no provision is made in case the persons interested in the premises should be dissatisfied with the verdict [201] of the Jury or the judgment of the Court thereon, leaving them thereby, as I suppose, to their remedy if aggrieved by the Corporation or otherwise in the premises to their suit at law.

I do not pretend to give any opinion as to the course to be pursued by the Common Council in the present case of Mr Bowne, not viewing it as a special reference to me by the order of the Board; but think it my duty nevertheless to state that I acted with Mr Cowdrey upon the argument for a New Trial on the ground of misbehaviour in the Jury, who assessed the damages, that there was a contrariety of opinion amongst them as to the value of the property, and that the Court after having heard the allegations and evidence, as well on the part of the Common Council as of Mr Bowne thought proper to render a judgment approbatory of the verdict, that this induced me to suggest to the Committee that it would be a strong tho' not a conclusive reason with Your Honorable Body to affirm the judgment of the Court and act in conformity therewith.

Octr 24. 1808. Ja. Wood:

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Mott Messrs Ludlam and Slidell.

The Attorney to whom was referred the Petition of William Kinkard, for remission of the penalty incurred for selling liquors without li[c]ence, Report in his favour.

Ordered that said penalty, as far as this Board is concerned, be remitted, the Petitioner payings costs of suit.

[202] The following was presented by the St Commr

The Street Commissioner agreeably to the *direction of the Board has the honor of informing them that he has procured a †Deed of cession from Anthony L. Bleecker and Mary his wife for all the Streets running through their property on the West side of Broadway, namely, Bleecker, Houstoun, Mercer, Wooster, Green, Lawrence, Thompson and Sullivan Streets, without any further Condition than the regulating part of Bleecker Street already accomplished and paid for by the Board.

The St Commr has the honor of presenting the said Deed here-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 157.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 207.*—Ed.

with and recommends that it be referred to Counsel for his approbation.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Octr 24. 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to Counsel.

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for filling Varick Street from Provost to North Moore Street,

And for Paving Provost Street from Hudson Street towards Chapel Street which were confirmed, and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner informed the Board that William Chivvis who was appointed Assessor on an Ordinance for filling sunken Lots in Broadway, And on the Ordinance for paving Bayard Street from Mulberry to Orange Street declined serving: Whereupon Richard Berrian was appointed in his place.

[203] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances, for the purpose of correcting nuisances, from No 4486 to No 4490. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Superintendant of repairs reported that the Pump No 11 in Barley Street 5th Ward is out of order, that the Well is in the middle of the Street, and the water conducted to the Pump by a leaden pipe which is out of order. and is 15. feet below the pavement which is full half the depth of the well. That he is of opinion that to dig a new Well and fill up the old, preserving what materials can be obtained, will be most economical.

Ordered that the Supt of repairs dig a new Well as he proposes.

Ordered that the Market Committee cause the Chains at Hudson Market to be taken down.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 28

Andrew Minuse, vice George Fash, resigned
Benjamin Farrington, do John Bancker, do

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 1312	Edward Watkey, for Candles	$8. 2
1313	Marsh & Eastwood, Marshalls. attends at Fly Market	40.
1314	John Bleecker, for Assessment books	48.53
1315	[204] James Wood, for making Lamps	190.25
1316	Israel Haviland, repairs to Fire Engines	623.61
1317	Simeon De Witt, on Acct Commr for Streets	191.27
1318	William Mooney, Supt of Alms House	3000.
1319	Westervelt & Halsey. 3d instalment for Pier at Jay Street	687.50

The following persons, on application were admitted Freemen of this City, and severally took the Oath prescribed by Charter.

Doctor John A. Graham, L.L. D.	William P. Roome.
Isaac A. Van Hook. Attorney.	William L. Mott
John Mooney	Charles P. McPherson.
Thomas Mooney	Oliver Hebbert.

[205] In Common Council, October 31st 1808.

Present. Jacob Mott. Esquire, Deputy Mayor.

Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Assistants.
Peter Mesier	John Slidell
Samuel M. Hopkins	John W. Mulligan
James Drake	Abraham Bloodgood
Thurston Wood	Stephen Ludlam
Nicholas Fish.	Samuel Torbert
	Jasper Ward
	Samuel Kip.

The Deputy Mayor presided in the absence of His Honor the Mayor at Albany attending as Senator in the Legislature convened for the purpose of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

The question being taken on confirming the Minutes of the last meeting, it was

Resolved that the same are correctly entered: and Resolved further that the same be approved with the exception of Confirming the *Report in favour of a Water grant at Manhattan Ville to John B. Lawrence, which is ordered to stand engrossed but is not approved to the end that this Board may not, by any act at the present [206] meeting, affect any rights relating to said Water grant.

†An Application of Thomas McGrath for a grant of the Soil under water in front of his Lot at Manhattan Ville lately purchased, as he sets forth, from John B. Lawrence was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A representation from William Howel informing that he is about taking down the House No 99. Liberty Street, to which a public Lamp is affixed, and proposing to remove the same and affix it to No 101. in the same Street, was referred to the Lamp Committee with power to grant the request if proper.

A Petition of Scribner & Wurts for remission of the penalty incurred for selling liquors without taking out the Excise licence, was referred to the Attorney.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 196.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 236.*—ED.

*A Petition of Abraham Coddington and other Carmen employed in carting lime, to be exclusively licenced for that purpose, subject however to such regulations as the Board may direct, was referred to Messrs Torbert Kip, and Ward.

A Memorial of Abel Simonson and others complaining against Capt James Snow for irregular conduct whilst on duty, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Anderson & Pilkethley for a ballance due for curb stone delivered for Mulberry Street, was referred to Alderman Mesier, Messrs Van Antwerp and Ludlam.

[207] A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and Pump at the corner of Washington & Jay Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and the Supt of repairs, with power to grant on the usual terms.

On application of the Building Committee,

Warrt Nº 1334. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John H. Sickles for $.2000.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the †Petition of Gilbert Titus reported in favour of granting him permission to sell small Meats in the lower Flymarket, or Fish Market, which was confirmed.

The Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers to whom was referred the ‡Petition of John Suydam and others, recommended that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to repair the old Piers between Coenties and Exchange Slips, and likewise the Wharf along said Basin in South Street, which was confirmed.

The Clerk presented the ||Deed of Cession of Anthony L. Bleecker and Mary his Wife of certain Streets on the west side of Broadway referred to Counsel, with his approbation thereof.

Ordered that the same be accepted and be filed in the Comptroller's Office.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting various nuisances from Nº 4491. to 4499. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

[208] The following Report was presented & ordered to be filed.

We the Subscribers being a §Committee appointed by An order of Common Council to examine the Revenue Account of the Corporation do Report that there has been received from George Codwise the sum

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 264.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 167.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 185.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 202.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See P. 186.*—Ed.

of Three thousand Dollars. From J. Morton for a ball[e] in his hands, Five hundred & ten $^{49}/_{100}$ D[rs] from M[rs] Nestle Fifty Dollars. From B. Romaine for Com. lands Six hundred & sixty $^{12}/_{100}$ D[rs] From different sources of Corporation revenue Sixty eight Thousand Seven hundred & Thirty seven $^{18}/_{100}$ Dollars [209] amounting in the whole, with the Ballance due on the last settlement of Fourteen thousand Seven hundred & thirty eight $^{41\frac{1}{2}}/_{100}$ Dollars: to Eighty Seven Thousand Six hundred & Ninety six 20½ Dollars, and that there has been paid out pursuant to orders from Common Council, Fifty six Thousand Eight hundred and Ninety three $^{60}/_{100}$ Dollars, which leaves a ballance due the City of New York, of Thirty thousand Eight hundred & two $^{60\frac{1}{2}}/_{100}$ Dollars, carried to new account.

Oct[r] 31. 1808.

Jacob Mott
Ja[s] Drake } Comm[e]
Jn[o] Slidell

Dr.	City of New York — Acct			Curr^t	with Daniel Phœnix City Treasurer — Cr		
1808				1807			
Sept^r 29	To Amount of Cash paid for			Sept^r 27	By Balle of Acct Pr Settlement.....	14738	41½
	Docks & Slips.....	6683	7	Oct^r 6	" Cash from G. Codwise.....	3000	
	Colleck.....	7954	91	1808			
	Markets.....	1870	29	March. 9	" J. Morton, for ballance.....	510	49
	New City Hall.....	34943	9	June. 9	" Mrs Nestle.....	50	
	Ferries.....	1213	30	Aug^t 22	" Benjamin Romaine.....	660	12
	Bond & Interest.....	3187	50	Sept^r 29	" Amount of revenue from		
	City of N York, Contingencies.	1041	44		Docks & Slips..... 18700.—		
	To Ballance carried to new acct	30802	60½		Common lands.... 8671.57		
					Street Manure.... 113.50		
					House rent..... 1358.48		
					Tavern licences.... 40.83		
					Market fees..... 1280.53		
					Manhattan Dividends..... 9000.—		
					Ground rents..... 11876.36½		
					Water Lot do 9302.12½		
					Ferry do 8393.78		
						68.737	18
	Dollrs	87.696	20½		Dollrs	87.696	20½

New York, Sept^r 29. 1808
Errors Excepted.
Dan^l Phœnix.
City Treas^r

[210] The following report was presented.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of William Hunter

Report

That a Grant should be issued to the Petitioner on the following terms.

From high Water mark above Corlaer Street extending to the intersection of Grand Street—300 feet on Lombard Street, more or less; 165 feet on Grand Street, 382. feet from Corlaers Street to the southerly side of Grand Street, at the rate of Twenty four Dollars & Eighteen cents for the first Twenty years; Forty Eight Dollars & Thirty six cents for the next Twenty years, and Eighty Dollars Sixty cents for ever after. Including a plot of ground forming a Triangle between Grand and Lombard Streets. And that the petitioner leave ground sufficient to make Lombard Street Sixty feet wide, the whole extent of the property he possesses on the Street. Also a reservation of Sixty feet for Corlaer Street.

Abraham King
Oct^{r} 25. 1808. Ja^{s} Drake
Jasper Ward
Ab^{m} Bloodgood.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the †Petition of Philip Milledoler of the 8th of February last, praying for a grant of a Water lot at Harlem near the Bridge,

Report

That from a view of a map of the premises deposited in the Comptrollers Office, they are of opinion that a grant should be [211] made to the Petitioner on the following conditions:

For One hundred feet in length, along the shore at high water mark, and extending to low water mark which is Two hundred & ten feet on the westerly side and Two hundred and Twenty five feet on the easterly side, at the rate of Six cents and a quarter per foot, for the first Fifty years and Twenty five cents per foot forever after.

As there have been no grants issued on which the Quit rent has been fixed for a considerable number of years past in the vicinity of Harlem, the Committee was guided in the present instance by grants made to Jacob Schieffelin in December 1804. for Water lots at Bloom-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 100.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 18. P. 110.*—ED.

ingdale, the rents of which are similar to the above mentioned. Should the Board think proper to confirm this report, a Grant will be prepared for Mr Milledoler accordingly.

Nichs Fish.
Samuel Kip
G. N. Bleecker, Comptr

Octor 31. 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

On representation of the Comptroller

Ordered that the Law "for the establishment of signal Poles on Staten Island," also the 9th Section of "a Law concerning Ferries," be published for the information of all concerned.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for flagging the walks in Catherine Street which was confirmed and Henry Van Pelt was appointed Collector.

[212] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for filling sunken lots in Broadway between Broome & Spring Streets, which was confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for opening and cleansing the Drain on the West side of Broad Street, which was ordered to be published in the News papers employed by this Board.

Agreeably to order the Street Commissioner reported the draft of an Ordinance for filling water lots at Manhattan Ville, including the intended Streets.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report.

*The Street Commissr has been requested by Mr Thomas Barrow, in behalf of the Corporation of Trinity Church to state to the Board, that there are at present no impediments to the opening of Greenwich Street, in the direction ceded by that Corporation, and that it would be adviseable to direct it to be done this fall, otherwise it will be late in the Spring before the Street will be fit for use.

The Street Commissioner agrees with Mr Barrow in this particular and suggests the propriety of taking this opportunity of placing Stone at the corners of the respective intersecting Streets, that no difficulty may hereafter prevent an accurate survey of the Lots in this section of the City. Under this idea, He takes the liberty of proposing the following order.

[213] Ordered that Greenwich Street, from Charlton to Christopher Street, be opened agreeably to the cession thereof made by the

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 222.*—Ed.

Corporation of Trinity Church, and that the Street Commissioner take order for opening the same, and that he cause Stones to be placed at the several corners of the intersecting Streets and report the same to this Board which when confirmed by them shall be and are hereby declared to be the established corners of the said Streets.

Which is submitted.

Oct^{r} 31st 1808 John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to Mess^{rs} Bloodgood Mulligan and Ald^{n} Drake.

*The Street Commissioner informed the Board that the proprietors of Lots on West Street, between Leroy and Morton Streets, are removing the earth from the Street and therewith filling the vacant and sunken ground opposite the bulkhead lately erected by them, contrary to the established rules of the Board, and as is stated, much to the injury of the adjoining Lots.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the preceding Committee.

Agreeably to notice, the Board proceeded to reconsider the Report of the Committee on the subject of appointing a Physician for the Alms House.

†When a Memorial from Doctor William James M^{c}Neven one of the Physicians of the Alms House offering himself as a Candidate for the appointment of sole Physician of that establishment, the duties [214] of which he will discharge for a compensation of $300 per. an. was read and referred to Aldermen Drake Bingham Mess^{rs} Ludlam, and Torbert.

Resolved that Aldermen Mesier, Drake and M^{r} Ludlam be a Committee to enquire whether any and What amendment is proper to be made to the Law regulating the entrance and lying of Coasting Vessels in the public Slips.

Resolved that the Chamberlain report the Assize of Bread and price of Flour, as often as he shall regulate the same, and that it be the duty of the Clerk to cause said Assize to be published weekly in the Newspapers employed by this Board and to record the same in the Minutes of the Common Council.

James Teller, was appointed One of the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell.

Samuel M. Thompson was appointed Fire Warden of the Fourth Ward, in the place of Andrew Morrell deceased.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 223.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 223.*—ED.

Ordered that the Deputy Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

Nº 1320.	Capt. Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	$276.36
1321	" William Van Wart dº	276.36
1322	" William Peterson dº	256.76
1323	" James Snow dº	256.76
1324	" Thomas Darling dº	276.36
1325	" Isaac Anderson dº	276.36
1326	James Hardie, Assistᵗ to City Inspector, Salary	62.50
1327	[215] Andrew Otterson, Asstᵗ to Stᵗ Commʳ Salary	52.
1328	Edward Moran dº dº	52.
1329	John McKenzie, Keeper of Pottersfield dº	92.
1330	Castle & Fine, repairs to Pumps	43.
1331	Matthew Dikeman, dº	36.
1332	Wᵐ Dustan, for Assessmᵗ for paving Flymarket Street—ballance	224.76
1333	Nash & Crooker, Marshals, attendᵉ on Sunday	60.
1334	John H. Sickles, on Accᵗ Building Committee	2000.
	Total	$4241.22

The Board adjourned to meet on Thursday next 4. o'clock P. M. for the purpose of appointing Inspectors of the ensuing Election for Charter Officers.

[216] In Common Council Novemʳ 3ᵈ 1808

Present Jacob Mott Esquire, Deputy Mayor.

Peter Mesier, James Drake, John Bingham, Thurston Wood, Nicholas Fish } Esquires Aldermen

Messrs John Slidell, John W. Mulligan, Simon Van Antwerp, Abraham Bloodgood, Thomas J. Campbell, Stephen Ludlam, Samuel Torbert, Jasper Ward } Assistants

The Board, agreeably to adjournment, proceeded to appoint Inspectors of Election for Charter Officers and to assign the places for holding the same in the respective Wards, as follows

Wards	Inspectors	Polls
First	James W. Lent Thomas Bolton John Haff	City Hall
Second	George Warner Henry Ten Broeck Ichabod Prall	Hopkins Robinson's 87 Fair Street

Wards	Inspectors	Polls
Third [217]	William Few William G. Miller Edward Dunscomb	W^m^ Colemans 10 Fair S^t^
Fourth	Henry Fanning Robert Brown Abraham Bogert	James Byrne's 259 William S^t^
Fifth	John Wood William Hoogland Joseph Dederer	John Hatfields Anthony & Church
Sixth	Leonard Seaman Anthony Steenbach Robert Dillon	James Lyon's 14. Mott Street
Seventh	John Youle William Ball George Buckmaster	Reuben Brookes 229. Cherry S^t^
Eighth	Henry Brevoort Charles Christian Jacob Morton	Thomas Rossel's Crosby Street
Ninth	Henry Post John Gelston Will Wilmerding	Anth^y^ Smith's Kissing Bridge
Tenth	Benjamin Thurston John Buscowen Richard Berrian	Daniel Tier's 65 Bowery

The Comptroller presented engrossed Deeds of Water grants at Harlem to Benjamin S. Judah and Philip Milledoler which were approved, and ordered to be executed and delivered.

[218] In Common Council, Novem^r^ 7^th^ 1808

Present. Jacob Mott Esquire Deputy Mayor.
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder.

Messrs Peter Mesier, Samuel M. Hopkins, James Drake, John Bingham, Thurston Wood, Nicholas Fish — Esquires Aldermen.

Messrs John Slidell, John W. Mulligan, Simon Van Antwerp, Abraham Bloodgood, Thomas J. Campbell, Stephen Ludlam, Samuel Torbert, Jasper Ward, Samuel Kip — Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Paul Vidal claiming compensation for damage done to his house by the regulation of Bancker Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell, representing that great impositions are practised in the sale of Potatoes for the want of an established standard rule and measure for selling the same was referred to Aldermen Drake, Hopkins and Mr Ludlam.

[219] An application of Jacob Wilkins, for permission to build a Pier in the center of his property on Hudson river West side of Cortland Street, was granted, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

*A representation of Thomas Thornton, complaining that he sustains considerable injury by the delay attending the completion of the regulation of Mulberry Street, was referred to Aldermen Bingham Wood, and Mr Bloodgood.

A Petition of Leonard Lispenard and Alexander L. Stewart for himself and as Guardian of Sarah B. Bache, for a water grant of 70 feet in Hudson river in front of their property on the northerly side of Canal Street, and which has hitherto been reserved on the presumption that it might be required for the improvement of said Street, was referred to Alderman Drake Messrs Slidell and Ludlam.

A Further Petition of John V. Brevoort keeper of the City Prison, to be reimbursed the Fine incurred and recovered from him, for one of the Chimnies of said Prison taking Fire, was referred to Alderman Drake Messrs Ludlam, and Van Antwerp.

A Petition of the inhabitants for two Lamps in Elm Street, between Hester & Grand Streets, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

[220] A Petition of the Proprietors of the Pier on the East side of Peck Slip, which had been †presented last year and referred to the late Comptroller but was not reported on, Praying that additional fenders may be provided, at the joint expense of sd Proprietors and this Board, to secure the extremity of said Pier against injury from floating ice: and further praying a grant in their favour for an exclusive right to the wharfage at the outer end of said Pier, was referred to Aldermen Mesier Bingham and Fish.

‡A further Memorial of Anthony Dey, inclosing his former ||Me-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 236.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 17. P. 278.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Reports P. 237. 359.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Vol. 15. P. 245.*—Ed.

morial presented in June 1805. which had been referred to the then Comptroller and Street Commissioner who never reported thereon; remonstrating against the payment of any quit rent on a Water lot situate in South Street between the Coffee House & Old Slips, parcel of a grant made March 16th 1799 to James Homer Maxwell, alledging that in consequence of filling up and levelling said Lot, he believes himself, by virtue of the 4th Section of the "Act for regulating the "buildings, streets, Wharves and Slips in the City of New York," passed 3d April 1801. entitled to said Lot in Fee simple: without any right in this Board to demand rent for the same, was referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of Anne, widow of James Walker deceased, requesting payment of the sum of $.12.821. damages awarded to her late husband [221] for ground taken for laying out Canal Street, together with the interest accruing thereon, was referred to the Finance Committee.

On application of the Committee of repairs,

Warrt No 1346. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham Chairman for $.100.

A Report from the Police Office that Capt. Snow had suspended Jacob Lyman for intoxication while on duty, and Capt Darling had suspended S. Sutherland for sleeping on his post & being capped, were referred to the Watch Committee.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of Defence having, since their last report, had some further Communication with Mr Dubuc de Marintille respecting his plan for securing the city from Naval attack,

Report

That Mr Dubuc has offered to modify his terms in such manner that if the Board shall for the present decline adopting it, but afterwards think fit to act on it, he will allow the term of one year for the purpose of ascertaining its efficacy by experiment, and if within that time, or at any subsequent period, his plan shall be adopted for the Port of New York, he shall receive the sum of One hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Should the plan be adopted at any time for any other Port, Mr Dubuc is to receive [222] the sum of Sixty thousand Dollars, Provided it shall not be also adopted for that of New York.

The Committee have to confirm the opinion expressed of Mr

Dubuc's information and talents in the former report, and respectfully submit this further communication.

Nich^{s} Fish
Nov^{r} 7. 1808. Jacob Mott
John W. Mulligan.

Ordered that the same lie for consideration.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the opening of Greenwich Street

Report

That they have viewed the premises and are of opinion that the Street mentioned in the said Communication ought to be opened and the corner stones placed in the manner recommended by the Street Commissioner; but they are of opinion that it is at present inexpedient to enter into any expense towards working the same. Leaving that part of the subject to the future discretion of the Board, they recommend that the order expressed in the preceding communication be passed. The Committee further report that it is not improper that the present road should be kept open until the new street is in a situation to be used.

Ab^{m} Bloodgood
Nov^{r} 7. 1808 John W. Mulligan
Ja^{s} Drake.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[223] The Committee to whom was referred the †Communication of the Street Commissioner on the removal of the earth from West Street between Leroy and Morton Streets reported, that they had examined the place and found that the proprietors of the lots on Washington between Leroy and Morton Streets are removing the earth as stated, and have contracted to furnish that earth to their contractor. As the work has progressed considerably and it may prove very injurious should it be suspended, the Committee recommended that the proprietors, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, have licence to take the earth to half of Morton, Washington and Leroy Streets, but that this licence shall not affect the rights of this Board, in consequence of the said proprietors proceeding in the work without a grant of the soil under water: Which was confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 212.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 213.*—ED.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Communication of Doctor William James M^cNeven, have reviewed the subject and find no good reason to alter their former opinion. They therefore recommend that the appointment of Doctor John Huyler, be confirmed by the Board.

Ja^s Drake
Nov^r 7^th 1808. John Bingham
Step^n Ludlam

A Motion by M^r Torbert to substitute the name of Doctor William James M^cNeven, in place of Doctor John Huyler, was, on a division, lost as follows:

[224] Affirmative.		Negative.			
M^r	Recorder	Ald^n	Mesier	Mess^rs	Slidell
Alderman	Fish		Hopkins		Mulligan
Mess^rs	Bloodgood		Drake		Van Antwerp
	Torbert		Bingham		Campbell
	Kip.		Wood		Ludlam
					Ward.

The question for confirming the report was then put and carried, and

Doctor John Huyler was appointed Physician of the Alms House.

A Communication was received from James Woods Esq^r Counsel of the Board informing that the suit against M^r Kip and that of M^r Kip against persons holding †under this Corporation will, in all probability be tried at the approaching sittings the 28th. instant. That Judge Benson and M^r Harison have been retained on the part of this Board, the latter of whom being at the time of the commencement of the prosecution Counsel to the Common Council has not received a fee. He therefore suggested the propriety of presenting M^r Harison with a similar fee given to M^r Benson.

Warr^t N^o 1347. Whereupon Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of M^r Harison for $.100.

[225] The following report was presented.

The Attorney of the Board and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the ‡Communication of the Comptroller relative to a tract of land nearly opposite Hamilton Square, which is at present in

* Marginal note reads *See P. 213.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *at Inclenbergh.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 139. 349.*—ED.

possession of Peter P. Van Zandt: having taken the same into consideration, have the honour to

Report

That upon a careful examination of the Minutes of the Common Council they find, that on the 27th Feby 1788. the following *transactions are entered, vizt

"The following report was read and agreed to by the Board. vizt"

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter P. "Van Zandt, praying that a line be ascertained and fixed as a partition "line between him as proprietor of a lot of ground in the Outward of "this and the grounds belonging to the Corporation:"

"Report that they have agreeable to the order of this Board met "with the said Peter P. Van Zandt and the owners of the ground ad- "joining the said Peter P. Van Zandt, who hold under one and the "same patent, and have found it necessary, in order to find where the "lots of the said Patentee joins the lands of this Corporation to "order a survey to be made thereof, which survey is hereunto an- "nexed, they therefore report it as their opinion that the said line be "fixed agreeable to the said survey, which is submitted to the con- "sideration of the Board."

Nicholas Bayard
Feb. 20. 1788. Cornˢ C. Roosevelt
George Janeway.

[226] "From the said Map or survey it appears that the follow- "ing quantities of vacant land lie between the lands of the said pro- "prietors and the post road: Vizt Between the lands of Peter P. Van "Zandt and the said Post road, three fourths of an Acre: between the "land of John Hardenbrook

A.	R.	P.	
2.	2.	37.	Between the land of David Provost decd
32.	3.	0.	& Between the lands of Isaac Gouverneur
8.	3.	6."	

"Ordered, that the said Map be and the same is hereby approved "and adopted by this Board and the same be filed in the Clerks Office "accordingly."

"Ordered that the same Committee treat with Messrs Van Zandt & "Hardenbrook as to the value of the said ground, and report the "same to this Board."

The Attorney of the Board and Street Commisr further represent,

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 9. P.* [*50*].—ED.

that the Map, which accompanies this, is the one alluded to in the preceding report; and they further state, that in the Minutes of the Common Council of June 20. 1796. they find the following *entry.

(As inserted in the report of the Comptroller.)

See. P. 139.

The undersigned further report, that they do not know, but that they have been informed and verily believe it to be true, that all the persons abovementioned, except Mr Van Zandt, have complied with the above conditions and settled the same with the Corporation, and that the land mentioned in the foregoing report as [227] being in the possession of Mr Van Zandt is still used and occupied by him, and that he has never paid the Corporation any consideration therefor.

The undersigned further report, that no other Map or Survey of the premises will, in their opinion, be necessary to establish the claims of the Corporation, And they recommend that the Comptroller be directed to make out the account due by Mr Van Zandt to the Corporation for the said land and present the same to him for payment: and in case of refusing to pay the same, that recourse be had, without delay, to coercive measures, for the purpose of obtaining the ground.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Novr 7th 1808. S. Cowdrey.
John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same lie over for consideration at the next meeting.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for opening the drain on the West side of Broad street, having advertised the same agreeably to order, and no objections had been made thereto.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that William Dustan be appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Account against the Corporation for their proportion of the paving at Brooklyn, the Ballance of which was $68.15.

Warrt No 1348. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of William Burk for that amount.

[228] On representation of the Street Commissioner that the L at the end of Jay Street Pier was completed.

Warrt No 1349. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Messrs Halsey & Westervelt for $.625. the amount of the 3d instalment for said L.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 12. P. 4. 5.*—Ed.

The Fire Department to whom was referred the *Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 4. for a new Fire Engine

Reported that on deliberate attention it was their opinion that the Small Fire Engines ought to be disposed of as soon as possible, and that larger Engines be provided. They therefore recommended that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted; which was confirmed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from N° 4500. to N° 4515. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs, under the direction of the Committee of repairs, cause the docks below Vesey and Partition Streets to be repaired without delay.

The following persons appointed Inspectors of Election, sent in their resignations which were accepted, and others appointed in their places, viz[t]

Ward.	Resignations.	Appointments
1st	John Haff.	Stephen Whitney
3d	William Few	Hector Craig
4th	Ab[m] Bogart	Flamen Ball
9th	Henry Post	Jacobus Dyckman

[229] The following persons were appointed Firewardens of the Tenth Ward. John Pell John B. Smith Peter F. Cisco Abraham Van Rantz John White.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 5

John Hitchcock, Grocer, 32. Peck Slip, 2[d] Ward, v. Oliver White, res[d]

John Winteringham, Millener, 115. William. d° v. Elisha D. Baker. d°

N° 34.

John Oblenis, Mason. Jones Street. 8th Ward.

Floating Engine.

Jacob Miller, Carver, 15. Rose S[t] 4th Ward. v. Isaac Parker. res[d]
William Agnew, Tobacconist, 313. Water. d° " Jacob Weaver d°
John Campbell, Account[t] 290. d° d° " Joseph Price. d°
Andrew Acheson, Taylor. 324. d° d° " Ja[s] M[c]Bain d°
William Acheson, Shoemaker. 310. d° d° " W[m] Egbert. dec[d]

* Marginal note reads *See P. 185.*—ED.

Assize of Bread.

Sup: fine Flour, Inspected, 56/. ℔ Bl.....	48.	Ounces	for	1/.
do do "	24.	do	"	6d
do mixt with Fine Indian meal.....	52.	do	"	1/.
do do	26.	do	"	6d
do mixt with Rye flour.....	58.	do	"	1/.
do do	29.	do	"	6d
Rye Flour 28/. ℔ Bl.....	72.	do	"	1/.
do	36.	do	"	6d

Novr 5th 1808. Danl Phœnix
City Treasurer.

[230] Ordered that the Deputy Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

No 1335	Frederick Eckert, Carpenters work for Supt repairs.....	$.182.50
1336	Jacob Straut, Carting for do	38.
1337	Joseph Boyd. do do	25.
1338	George McCamman, labour for do	23.
1339	John Laurance, for Map & Deed of Lots on Elm Street....	6.
1340	Amos Rooke, Salary for keeping Signal Poles.....	82.50
1341	Charles E. Kelly & Collard, Marshals for Sunday serve....	26.
1342	Beekman & Bogert, Carriage hire.....	26.
1343	William Williss, Coroner's fees.....	177.34
1344	George Warner, Interest on Bond.....	276.50
1345	James Richardson, repairing Well.....	22.50
1346	R. Dodge, Painting Watchmens Caps.....	14.37
1347	John Bingham Esqr for Comme of repairs.....	100.
1348	Richard Harison, for Counsel Fee.....	100.
1349	William Burk, balle for paving at Brooklyn.....	68.15
1350	Halsey & Westervelt. 3d instalment for L at Jay Street Pier	625.
	Total.....	$.1792.86

[231] In Common Council, Novr 14th 1808

Present Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Peter Mesier, James Drake, John Bingham, Jacob Mott, Thurston Wood, Nicholas Fish — Esquires Aldermen

Messrs John Slidell, John W. Mulligan, Simon Van Antwerp, Abraham Bloodgood, Thomas J. Campbell, Stephen Ludlam, Samuel Torbert, Jasper Ward. — Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board having made their quarterly visitation of the Alms House and Bridewell proceeded to business.

The Mayor informed the Board that Flamen Ball appointed, at

the last meeting, Inspector of Election for the 4th Ward in the place of Abraham Bogart had declined serving, and that the Deputy Mayor had appointed Michael Hawkins in his place, which was approved.

A further Petition of Robert Carnley for a water grant in the East river fronting his property [232] near Adam & Noah Brown, was referred to the Comptroller.

*A Petition of James Horner for payment for digging a Well, N° 29, Corner of Mott & Bayard Streets, was referred to the Supt of repairs.

Petitions of Joseph D. Hoyt and Thomas Sprowls for remission of penalties incurred for selling liquors without the Excise licence, were referred to the Attorney, who forthwith reported in favour of the Petition of Thomas Sprowls.

Ordered that the fine incurred by said Sprowls be remitted, as far as this Board is concerned, he paying costs of suit.

An Application of George Youle for permission to make a vault in front of his house in Cherry Street, was granted, under the inspection of the Street Commissioner.

†A Memorial of Doctor Paschalis Physician to the Gaol & Bridewell, requesting compensation for his future services, was referred to Aldermen Drake Bingham Messrs Ludlam & Torbert.

A Petition of John McKinley & others, representing that several successive attempts had been made since the 5th inst. to break open the Warehouses in South Street, west of the Coffee house Slip, and praying that additional Watchmen may be stationed in that quarter, was referred to the Watch Committee, with power to grant if proper.

[233] The Superintendant of the Alms House present the following. Census of the Paupers in the Alms House taken this day, Vizt

Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total
249.	348.	158.	86.	841.

Warrt N° 1368. On application Ordered that a Warrant be passed in his favour for $.5000.

Warrt N° 1369. On application, Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Cholwell, on acct of his contract for lighting the public Lamps for $.1500.

Alderman Wood of the Committee for employing persons in making Turf at the Collect reported that the business was concluded.

Warrt N° 1370. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in his favour for $31.97. the ballance due the persons employed.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 266.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 299.*—Ed.

The following report was presented.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the proposals for leasing Weehawk and Fort Lee Ferries,

Report

That Three Dollars per an. for one and Five Dollars for the other are offered for the term of Three Years, about one half the sum their annual Wharfage would amount to. These Ferries during the last term were leased One for Fifty, the other for Seventy Dollars. The fine for contravening the 9th section of the Law for establishing Ferries is Twenty five Dollars, which we are of opinion ought to be enforced by the Comptroller or [234] Attorney of this Board, where infringements may be discovered.

Your Committee are of opinion that neither of those Ferries ought to be let for less than Fifty Dollars, per annum.

Jacob Mott
Novem^{r} 14th 1808. Simon Van Antwerp
Step^{n} Ludlam.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was also presented by the Ferry Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the several applications of Thomas Buckley, Jacob Schiefflin, Joseph Bird and John B. Lawrence, for grants from high to low water in front of their property at Manhattan Ville,

Report

That having viewed the premises the Committee recommend to the Corporation to direct grants to be made to said applicants on the following terms, viz^{t}

To Thomas Buckley and Jacob Schiefflin in front of their ground at Harlem Cove from high to low water, on their agreeing to pay to the use of the Corporation the annual quit rent of one shilling per foot, for the first twenty five years and two Shillings per foot for ever after.

And to John B. Lawrence in front of his ground on the northwardly side of said cove, Three hundred and eighty feet along the margin of the river, making at right angles and on which a quit rent ought to be paid about two hundred and thirty feet on his [235] agreeing to pay annually to the use of the Corporation, Six cents per foot for the first twenty five years and one shilling per foot for ever after, reserving to the Corporation a space for the public Basin in front of the Block between Manhattan Street and Lawrence Street, including

half the breadth of each of said Streets and containing two hundred and Sixty six feet, with all the Streets that may be or hereafter become necessary.

And as some doubts may exist from the irregular course of the shore, respecting the true line of high water in said Cove, the Committee recommend that a line drawn from a point where high water intersects the line between the grounds of Michael Hogan and Thomas Buckley, running thence northwardly until it intersects the Northwardly side of Schiefflin Street Fifty Feet westwardly of the house of Thomas McGrath be considered the line of high water and that One hundred feet be the estimated distance between high and low water in said grants.

And the Committee further recommend that said grants be made out to said applicants, agreeably to the terms aforesaid on they or either of them ceding to the Corporation, by a good and Sufficient title, a lot of ground, near the line of high water mark, fronting on Lawrence Street for the use and accommodation of a Ferry and that the lines bounding or dividing said grants be run or laid parallel with Manhattan Street.

And further the Committee recommend that Ordinances be served on Thomas Buckley, Jacob Schiefflin and Joseph Bird, directing them to fill up and regulate their ground and the adjoining Streets, laying in said Cove, that is situate or above the said line of high water [236] mark, within the space of two years from this date, except the present Canal, which the Committee recommend to remain subject to the further order of the Board.

And the Committee further recommend that the former *report on this Subject be rescinded.

Jacob Mott
Nov^r 14^th 1808 Step^n Ludlam
Simon Van Antwerp.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The same Committee to whom was referred the †Application of Thomas McGrath for a Water grant at Manhattan Ville reported that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the ‡representation of Thomas Thornton, reported that they had viewed the premises and

* Marginal note reads *See P. 196.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 206.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 219.*—ED.

are of opinion that Mulberry from Broome to Grand Streets and from Hester to Grand Streets ought to be opened and dug out immediately, as the inhabitants of Broome Street will be greatly injured unless such regulation take place; Which was confirmed

Resolved that the Street Commissioner call on the persons that contracted to dig out the above Street and See that the same is completed without further delay.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Commissioners of the Alms House respecting the fraudulent practices in the measurement of Potatoes brought to the city for sale, reported the draft of an *Ordinance "To prevent fraud in the Measurement of certain Vegetables in the City of N. York"

[237] The Committee to whom was referred the application of the Weighmasters, reported, that

By the present Law every Weighmaster is compelled to attend in person at all times where his Scales shall be used, which Law in the opinion of the Committee operates at times oppressively on said Weigh Masters, to prevent which the Committee proposed the following amendment to the Law "to regulate the Fees of Weighmasters, &c[a]" which was passed.

"Be it further ordained That in case of sickness or inability to attend, any weighmaster appointed by the Corporation may employ a sober discreet man to attend to the duties of said office, to be approved by the Mayor and to take an Oath for the faithful performance of such trust, during such inability, he being accountable for the conduct of such person so employed, but that no weighmaster shall use more than one scale at the same time under the penalty of Fifty Dollars.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Shotts for a butchers licence and grant of a Stand in Corlaer's Market, reported in favour of the Petitioner which was confirmed.

The Same Committee also reported in favour of granting Philip Luff to occupy Stand N° 5. Duane Market, which was confirmed.

The Committee on applications for Offices reported in favour of appointing Andrew Hageman Jun[r] Measurer of grain, which was confirmed.

†The following report was presented.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner [238] to whom was referred the petition of Anthony Dey of the 5th inst. praying the in-

* Marginal note reads *Vide Laws P. 35.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See. P. 220. 359.*—ED.

terference of the Board in relation to an application made by him in June 1805. to be released from a quit rent of Seven Dollars and eighty seven cents per an. reserved on a grant to James H. Maxwell on the 16th March 1799, for a water Lot adjoining South Street on the Southwardly side of the Coffee House Slip,

Report

That on the 12th August 1768 The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty granted to Jacob Sarly his heirs and Assigns, a certain Water Lot to be made land and gained out of the East river situate in the East Ward, from the extent or southerly side of Hunters Key or Street of 45 feet broad, which Lot is distinguished in a plan made by Francis Marschalck then City Surveyor by N° 2. and contains in length on parrallel lines running Southeasterly from the extent or Southerly side of the aforesaid Street of 45 feet broad, into the said river, 208 feet and in breadth upon the East river at each end 42 feet English measure, at the annual rent of Ten Pounds ten Shillings forever thereafter; which property afterwards came to the possession of Jacobus Van Zandt.

On the 21st March 1775. a grant was made to the said Jacobus Van Zandt, the counterpart of which was never executed by him, of all that certain Water lot to be made land and gained out of the East river from the Southerly side of the Wharf or Street then called Water Street, into the East river 192 feet, and in breadth 42 feet, at the annual rent of Six pounds six shillings forever thereafter.

[239] And on the 16th March 1799. a grant was made to James Homer Maxwell as the rightful heir of Jacobus Van Zandt of the abovementioned Water lot on the like terms. And also the Soil under the water and lying between the Southerly bounds of the said Water lot and the Street of 70 feet in breadth called South Street, the whole breadth of the said Water Lot, at the annual rent of Seven Dollars and Eighty seven cents forever there after.

The Subscribers are of opinion that the relinquishment of a grant regularly executed and which involves questions of great importance to the rights and interests of the Corporation, and by which decision the validity of other titles may be seriously affected, is a measure of that consequence as to require very mature reflection, and an investigation into points more peculiarly applicable to expounders of the Law. They are not desirous of being relieved from the faithful discharge of the functions appertaining to their respective offices, when, on the one hand Justice is due to the legal claims of applicants for redress, and on the other, while the privileges and revenue of the Corporation are

deeply implicated. Neither can they repose that confidence in their own opinions on so important a subject where legal investigation may probably be the result.

They would therefore take the liberty of suggesting the propriety of handing over the papers accompanying this report to the Counsel of the Board.

respectfully submitted.
Novem[r] 14. 1808. G. N. Bleecker, Comp[r]
John S. Hunn. S[t] Com[r]

Ordered that the same be referred to the Counsel of this Board.

[240] The following report was presented.

The Counsel and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the *Memorial of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York relative to ground claimed by them on the westerly side of the City Hall and said to be in part covered by the westerly wing of that building; Conceiving a subject of this nature to be of primary importance to the rights of the Corporation as well as of the Citizens, have endeavoured to give it such a fair investigation, as to induce them to make the following Report thereon.

The Memorialists have principally founded their claim upon certain deeds which have been exhibited to the Counsel & S[t] Comm[r] and from which the following copious extracts have been taken in order to lay before the Board as much matter of fact, in relation to the subject, as it is in the power of the reporters to procure.

1[st] On the 27[th] February 1762. Philip Van Cortland of the city of New York, gentleman, for the consideration of £100. conveys to William Smith Junior of the same city Attorney at Law "that one full and undivided sixth part and any greater share or interest of the said Philip Van Cortland of [and] in *and* all those three certain lots and parcels of ground which on a Map annexed to the deeds of partition of certain lots and parcels of ground made and executed between the said Abraham Depeyster and Samuel Bayard on the 3[d] day of Jan[y] 1718. are marked with the letters and figures N° 20 & N° 22. and AP which said lots and parcels of ground N° 20 is in breadth in the front to a street in the City of [241] New York behind the City Hall, on the said Map called Kip Street, 25 feet and in the rear adjoining the ground used by the Presbyterians as their burying ground, 25 feet, and on both sides on the N. E. and S. W. 71 feet, be the same more or less bounded on the East by the said Kip Street on the W. by the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 67.*—ED.

P. burial ground on the N. E. side by a lot or parcel of ground in the said Map called Lot N° 19. by the said deeds of partition released to and declared to belong to Samuel Bayard, on the South westerly partly by the lot on the s[d] map marked with the letters AP. hereby granted and partly by a lot on the said Map called Lot N° 21. and by the said deeds of partition released to and declared to belong to the said Samuel Bayard and now possessed by Samuel Bell and partly by the said Lot N° 22. hereby granted and which said Lot or parcel of ground marked on the said Map with the letters AP. in breadth in the front to the said Kip Street 25 feet and extends with that breadth westerly to said lot N° 21. and is on the South westerly side bounded by the Street, running from Wall Street and on a Northeasterly course between the West end of the said City Hall and the Easterly side of said lot N° 21. and which said Lot N° 22. is in breadth in the Front and rear 25 feet, and in length on both sides 75 feet and upwards, bounded in front by Wall Street, in the rear by the said Lot N° 20, on the Easterly side by the said Lot N° 21. on the Westerly ground used by the Presbyterians as their Burial ground.

Which said premises are stated in the said deed to be conveyed by the said Philip Van Cortlandt as eldest son of his father Stephen Van Cortlandt [242] who was the eldest son of Catharine Van Cortlandt one of the daughters and Devisees of Abraham DePeyster.

2[d] On the 15th. February 1765. Isaac Depeyster of the City of New York Gentleman and Ann his Wife, for the consideration of £150. by virtue of the right of the said Ann, who was one of the daughters and Devisees of Abraham Depeyster convey to William Smith Junior of the same city Esquire, all that one full and equal undivided fourth part of the said Isaac and Ann or either of them of and in all those three certain lots or parcels of ground &c[a]" as herein before mentioned verbatim.

3[d] On the 6[th] September 1765. William Smith Jun[r] of the City of New York Esq[r], and Jannet his wife, in consideration of £278.1.10 convey to John Lasher of the same city Cordwainer, Thomas Smith of the said City Esq[r] John Dunlap of the same City Merchant, Peter Riker of the same City Blacksmith and Jos. Hallet of the same city Merchant, by virtue of a release from Isaac and Ann Depeyster dated the 16[th] February 1765. All that one full and equal and undivided moiety or half part of those three several lots or parcels of ground," herein above mentioned and described. And

4[th] On the 21[st] July 1773. John Crugar, Philip Livingston, Leonard Lispenard, Hen. Holland & William Bayard of the City of New

York Esquires, Trustees of the real and personal estate of Abraham Depeyster late Treasurer of the Colony of New York deceased, Robert Mercer and John Ramsay of the city of New York Merchants Assignees of the said estate [243] of James Depeyster of the same City Merchant, Cornelia Depeyster of the same City Widow and Executrix of Pierre Depeyster deceased, Isaac Depeyster of the same city Esq^{r} and Ann his wife; Pierre Van Cortlandt of Cortlandt Manor Esq^{r} (the said Abraham Depeyster, Pierre Depeyster, Ann Depeyster and Pierre Van Cortlandt being the devisees of Elizabeth Hammond late of the same city) convey to John Lasher of the said city of New York Cordwainer, Thomas Smith of the same city Attorney at law, Peter Riker of the same city Blacksmith and Jos. Hallet also of the same place merchant, for the consideration of £250. "All that the said one full undivided moiety or equal half part of them the said parties of the first part of and in all those three certain lots or parcels of ground" herein above mentioned and described as aforesaid: Which said Moiety or half part is stated in the aforesaid deed to be conveyed by virtue of the last will and Testament of Abraham Depeyster, by force and virtue of a certain act of the Governor, the Council and General Assembly of the Colony of New York, entitled, "An Act for the more effectual vesting the real and personal estate whereof Abraham Depeyster late Treasurer of this Colony died seized and possessed in Trustees for the payment of his debts," and by virtue of sundry other Wills, Testaments, Deeds and conveyances therein particularly and at large expressed.

In addition to the above titles, all of which precisely describe the same ground, the Memorialists have exhibited a Map made by Adolphus Loss, one of our present City Surveyors, wherein the Lot designated by AP. in the said deeds, is made to run along the East side of the Lot N^{o} 21. (now the property of Charles Gardner) and so to Wall Street; which Map, in the opinion of the Council and Street Comm^{rs} [244] is erroneous, inasmuch as by the same titles the lot AP. is said to be "in breadth in front to Kip Street 25. feet, and extends "with that breadth westerly to the said lot N^{o} 21. and is on the South-"westerly side bounded by the Street running from Wall Street on a "Northeasterly course between the West end of the City Hall and the "Easterly side of the said lot N^{o} 21." and not upon Wall Street as it is therein portrayed.

The undersigned, in consequence of this erroneous representation of the ground included in the titles exhibited by the memorialists, have thought it expedient to present the annexed plan, which, in their

opinion, is a correct delineation of the ground described in the said Titles, and, as it was intended to be occupied: for in a Plan of this City, from actual survey, made by James Lyne, during the Mayoralty of Colonel Robert Lurting, about 1730, and dedicated by William Bradford to Governor Montgomery, the situation of the Hall is distinctly laid down, and Nassau Street has a large communication on the West side of the Hall with Wall Street, and in another plan of the city made by Francis Marschalk, City Surveyor in 1755. during the Mayoralty of Edward Holland, and dedicated by Gerardus Duyckinck to Lieut Governor Delancey, the situation of the Hall is also distinctly traced, and Nassau Street communicates with Wall and Broad Streets as portrayed upon the annexed Map.

It may not be improper further to state, that in a map of the city made by Bernard Ratzen in 1767. and dedicated by him to Sir Henry Moore then Governor of the Colony of New York (and supposed to be the most correct plan ever published) Nassau Street and the City Hall are laid down agreeably [245] to Marschalcks Plan, and the ground claimed by the Memorialists clearly marked out and distinguished from the existing Streets.

The undersigned further report, that they find by the papers exhibited to them, that in the division of the ground in question between Abraham Depeyster and Samuel Bayard as herein before mentioned and described, the lots designated in the annexed Map by the numbers 19 & 21 were set off to Samuel Bayard and that the said Lot N° 21 was, by its position to become a corner lot, and it appears reasonable to conclude that the enhanced value of Lot N° 21. so becoming a corner lot, above the value of the lot N° 22, adjoining thereto and divided to M^r^ Depeyster, induced the parties (who were equally interested) to set off the small lot AP to M^r^ Depeyster as an equivalent. The correctness of this remark will evidently appear if recourse be had to a deed for the said Lot N° 21. now in possession of Charles Gardner, made the first day of March 1746. by Stephen Bayard, Nicholas Bayard and Samuel Bayard executors of the last Will and Testament of the aforesaid Samuel Bayard to Samuel Bell of the same city Blacksmith, which among other recitals contains the one of which the following is a copy.

"Whereas Colonel Abraham Depeyster now deceased and Nich-
"olas Bayard also deceased, which said Nicholas Bayard was father
"to the said Samuel Bayard the testator, in their life time were and
"stood jointly seized, to them their heirs and Assigns forever, of and
"in a certain parcel of ground with its appurtenances, situate and

"being in the city of New York, in the North and West Wards of "the said city, [246] being bounded and contained as in and by a "certain Indenture or Deed of feoffment, made and entered into "after the death of the said Nicholas Bayard for the more easy par- "tition and division of the said parcel of ground and bearing date the "third of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven "hundred & eighteen & made between the said Colonel Abraham "Depeyster in his life time and the said Samuel Bayard the Testator "in his life time as the only son and heir at law to his said father "Nicholas Bayard then deceased and reciting as therein is recited "it was thereby unanimously agreed and concluded on between the "said parties to the same, to have the said parcel of ground or the "greatest part thereof, then remaining unsold laid out into lots and "the said lots to be equally divided between them, so that each of "them should have and enjoy a share thereof in certainty, respect "being had to quantity and quality as his and their own part and "partition and to do and dispose thereof as to themselves should "seem meet, and to that end the said parties, with an unanimous as- "sent and consent by the advice and assistance of William Bond then "Surveyor of the city of New York, the said land lying convenient "for the building of houses did project and lay out the greatest part "of the remainder part of the said ground into twenty two lots, leaving "some part therein common between them, as may more fully and "amply appear by the Map or Chart thereof and to the said recited "Indenture or Deed of partition annexed and signed by the parties to "the same, and the said Surveyor [247] and the said parties have also "by the advice and assistance aforesaid made a perfect divided sepa- "ration and partition of the said Twenty two lots, and among the lots; "which were so divided, and which fell to the part and share of the "said Samuel Bayard, and by the said Colonel Abraham Depeyster by "the said Indenture or Deed of partition granted to him the said "Samuel Bayard the testator, his heirs and assigns forever was all "that certain lot or parcel of ground N° 21. fronting Southerly on the "Wall Street, Westerly and Northerly to ground of the said Abraham "Depeyster and Easterly on the forepart by vacant ground then left "undivided between the parties on the West side of the City Hall "(over which vacant ground the Street now runs called Kipp Street, "by means whereof the said lot hereby granted has become a corner "lot) and on the back part (to the eastward) by a Slip of ground of "the said *of the said* Abraham Depeyster containing in length on "both sides from the said Wall Street to the Lot N° 20, of the said

" Abraham Depeyster 74 feet more or less and in breadth front and " rear 25. feet."

So that there can be no doubt of the existence of Nassau Street through to Wall Street, (under the former name of Kip Street) at least as far back as the year 1718. when the division of those lots took place.

The Counsel and Street Commissioner further Report, that in order to ascertain the time when the present City Hall was founded, they have had recourse to the Charter and the Minutes of the Common Council. (wherein they have been abundantly [248] aided by the attentive researches of the Clerk)* and from which it appears, that the first Building occupied as a City Hall was situate in Pearl Street, at the corner of Coenties (Countess) lane opposite Coenties Slip, at present in part owned by M^r^ Abraham Brinckerhoof, the premises being divided after it was sold into two dwellings.

This Building, as appears by the Charter was erected for a City Hall or Stat House by the Dutch whilst the City of New Amsterdam was under the Government of a Schout, Burgomasters and Schepens.

In 1608 according to English writers, but more probably in 1609 according to Charlevoix, Hudson discovered this part of America and the river which still bears his name, and in 1615 a Fort was erected on the Southwest point of Manhattan Island by the Dutch.

In the papers relating to the repealing of the Bolting Act styled " The case of New York " (Vol. 2^d^ of the Com. Coun. Min. P. 300.) The City is said to be founded in the year 1619. and in 1621. the States General granted this country to the West India Company. Between this period (1621) and the surrender to the English the 27^th^ August O. S. 1664. the aforesaid Stat House was built.

About the year 1695, the said City Hall began to want repairs and on the 19^th^ Nov^r^ (Vol. 2^d^ of Com Coun. Min. P. 195) an order of the Common Council was passed, directing the Overseers of the public works to examine what repairs were wanting to secure the City Hall that Winter.

It is probable that the Building was so much decayed, or had become too small for the growing [249] Population of the City, as to have induced the contemplation of erecting another Edifice, for we find that on the 12^th^ May 1696 (Vol. 2. P. 217) a Committee was appointed to draft a plan for a New City Hall and estimate the Cost. On the 26^th^ June following (P. 225) by a majority of votes it was agreed that a City Hall should be built. On the 2^d^ July the same

* Marginal note reads *John Pintard.*—ED.

year (P. 226) Another Committee was appointed to estimate the cost of building a New City Hall, to fix on a Site, to devise a proper mode for raising a fund to defray the expense and to prepare a draft of a Plan and to call in the Assistance of the City Surveyors; and on the 11th November following (P. 249) another Committee was appointed for similar purposes.

On the 2d October 1697 (P. 275) the Mayor (William Merritt) informed the Common Council that the Supreme Court was to sit the next week, when Several Criminals were to be tried, and that it was feared that the City Hall would not be of sufficient Strength to support the resort of the people. On which the Building was directed to be surveyed, and the mechanics employed reported that they considered the Walls sufficient and that six Studds and a plank properly placed would uphold (the floor of) said Hall, which were ordered to be fixed. In page 276, on the 4th of October it is stated that "the Mayor "produced a letter from the Judges, that the Supreme Court was to be "held tomorrow, at the Public Hall, and that they being informed, that "the present Town House (meaning the old Hall) is so much decayed, "that no considerable number of people can there appear with safety, "and therefore require the Magistrates of the City to appoint and "prepare some other place for holding [250] the Court. It was "ordered that an Answer be returned informing the Judges that meas-"ures had been adopted to render the Hall safe."

On the 13th November following (P. 278) a resolution was passed for the Common Council to sit in the house of George Kescarrick, adjoining the City Hall (probably that owned by the late Widow Lawrence deceased) in consequence of the defective state of the said Hall.

On the 23d November same year (P. 281) the Mayor having acquainted the Board of the insufficiency of the City Hall, it was the opinion of the whole Board, one only dissenting, that there was a necessity of Building a New City Hall for the public Service.

On the 9th November 1698 (P. 340) a Committee was appointed to view the condition of the present City Hall, and where it will be most convenient for the building of a new one, and what materials will be necessary for the same together with an estimate of the cost thereof and to make report with all convenient speed: and we find the following report entered on the 11th January 1699 (P. 343.)

"The Committee appointed to view the City Hall &c. Report, That "they have viewed the present City Hall and find it unsufficient and "do think the upper end of the Broad Street a proper place for the "Building a New City Hall and believe that the sum of Three Thou-

" sand Pounds may be sufficient for the building the same, according " to the former draft drawn by M^r James Evetts, which report is ap- " proved."

And on the 25^th of May the same Year the following resolution is entered; (Vol. 2. P. 354)

[251] " The Board taking into consideration the necessity of build- " ing a New City Hall, do unanimously resolve, Alderman Cortlandt " only dissenting, that a New City Hall be built with all convenient " expedition and that the same be erected and built at the upper end of " the Broad Street within the said City, it being approved the most " convenient and proper place for the building the same, and that the " Mayor taking to his assistance such of the Aldermen, Assistants and " Surveyors of the said City as he shall think convenient, do lay out " the ground for building the same." And on the same day it was resolved that the Materials of the Old City Hall should be sold and the ground let to farm and a Committee was appointed for the purpose.

On the 9^th of August, same year (P. 356) the Committee appointed for farming the City Hall reported, that they could not farm the Old Hall and recommended that it be sold, and it was ordered to be sold, " forever " by public outcry and a Committee appointed, of which the Mayor Joannes Depeyster was one, to dispose of the same. On the same day it was

" Ordered that the Mayor, and three Aldermen and three Common " Council men, or any five of them do call the Surveyors of this City " to their assistance and order them to lay out the ground for the " building a New City Hall at the upper end of the Broad Street, and " also to employ workmen to lay the foundation of the same."

At a meeting of the Committee appointed to sell the City Hall on the 17th August same year, (P. 358) said Hall was exposed to sale, and sold to [252] John Rodman of the city of New York Merchant for £.920.

On the 18^th August, same year, (P. 359). the following Petition was ordered to be engrossed and presented.

(Richard Earl of Bellemont Governor being absent)

" To the Honourable Lieutenant Governor John *Hanfan* [Nanfan] " Esq^r Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and to the " Honourable the Council."

" The Petition of the Mayor &c^a sheweth "

" That the former line of fortifications that did range along the " Wall Street from the East to the North river are fallen to decay and

" the encroachment of Buildings which have been made adjacent there-
" unto will render the same useless for the time to come; and the City
" proposing with all speed to build a New City Hall at the end of one
" of the principal Streets within the said City, fronting to the line of
" the said Fortifications, therefore humbly pray that Your Honours
" would be pleased to intercede with His Excellency the Captain
" General that the same Fortification may be demolished, according
" to the powers and authorities vested with him, and that the stones
" of the said Bastion, with the consent of the owners thereof, may
" be appropriated to the Building of the said City Hall " & Your
" Petitioners."

On the 16th Octr 1699 (P. 371) a Committee was appointed to provide materials and Workmen to build the New City Hall the ensuing Summer, and the Committee reported on the 1st November of the same Year (P. 373) that they had employed workmen and made an estimate amounting to £1151.18.3. which [253] was read and approved, and we find (P 375) that the Board resolved to raise £1600. for the ensuing year, £1165. whereof was for providing materials and building of the New City Hall and £435. residue thereof, for building a house at the Ferry.

On the 16th January $^{1699}/_{1700}$. (P. 376.) Another Committee was appointed, of which the Mayor (David Provost) was one, to treat for building the Hall, either by the great or by the day; And the Mayor was empowered to draw warrants on the Treasurer from time to time for the current expences, and a distinct account of materials and payments were directed to be kept by the said Committee.

On the 2d Novr 1700. " Ordered that for the future the Court of
" Common Council do sit at the City Hall, the last Saturday in every
" month, in order to hear any publick business."

On the 29th December 1700—1. (same Vol. P. 481) " Ordered that
" the Mayor do take care to have the Court room in this City Hall
" made convenient for the Court to sit in this winter and that he issue
" his warrant to the Treasurer for the payment of the charge thereof."
If this means the New City Hall it would appear that the Common Council held their sittings therein in 1701. But we find that on February 20th $^{1702}/_{3}$ (Vol. 3. P. 2) a Warrant was ordered in favour of William Davis for payment of £3. " for accommodating the Common
" Council for assembling at his house all the winter past; the City Hall not being yet completely finished.

The undersigned reporters further represent that no other entries appear in the Minutes respecting the building the New City Hall of

any material consequence to the present subject. No formality of laying the foundation or in taking possession occurs. No doubt seems to have existed of the right to build it [254] where it stands, neither do any applications to any individuals for ground for that purpose appear to have been made.

From the above dates it may be inferred that the foundation was probably laid in the Spring of 1700. And that the Common Council held their meetings in it in the Summer of 1703.

The Site of the Hall as originally built evidently comprehended the extent of its present Front in Wall Street, and the addition for the accommodation of Congress in 1789. was made in the rear, as is plainly visible and easily distinguished from the East and West walls of the old work.

The Counsel and Street Commissioner cannot conclude their report upon this subject without making the following remarks.

The whole of the ground in Nassau Street between the house built on Lot N° 19 (now occupied by Everardus Warner) and Wall Street, has been uninterruptedly left open as a Street for above a century, without the least claim to compensation therefor by any person or persons whomsoever.

By the titles exhibited, from which the foregoing extracts are taken, no part of Nassau Street, under any reasonable pretence whatever, can be claimed by the Memorialists to the South of the Southerly line of the lot AP. delineated upon the annexed Map; and it is probable that the Memorialists would not now have preferred their claim to the small plot of ground AP. if they had not been, erroneously led into the opinion, that it extended through to Wall Street and was therefore of great value.

[255] It is a question yet undecided by the Board whether compensation ought to be made in any case for Streets voluntarily laid out by the Proprietors of ground, after they had sold lots and bounded them upon such streets, And if the Corporation, under these circumstances, should admit the right to compensation in the present case, although part of the present Street is covered by the exhibited title, it would undoubtedly subject the Board to numerous and perplexing applications of a similar nature, many of which would probably be founded on fairer claims, in point of possession, than those of the present Memorialists; nor would the circumstance of this application, coming as it does, from a respectable religious Association, be

considered as a barrier to its becoming a troublesome and dangerous precedent.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Novem[r] 14[th] 1808. Ja. Woods
John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Mott [&] Mesier Mess[rs] Mulligan Ludlam and Bloodgood. [256 blank]

[257] The Street Commissioner reported the following Assessments, viz[t]

For paving Bayard Street from Mulberry to Orange Streets, and for

Repaving Greenwich Street from Beaver to Rector Streets. Which were severally confirmed and William Dustan was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for repaving Oak, Bancker, Chesnut & Pearl Streets including the advances of the Corporation for the drain between Chesnut & Roosevelt Streets; which was ordered to be advertised;

And for filling sunken Lots on the North side of Stanton Street between Attorney and Ridge Streets,

Whereupon,

Resolved that the Assessment laid upon Lots in Stanton Street for filling the same and repairing Stanton Street, this day presented to the Board by the Assessors be confirmed, And that the Street Commissioner cause the same to be published in the Newspapers agreeably to law.

The Street Commissioner represented that the Contractors for sinking the Block and Bridge at the foot of Vesey Street, have sunk the Blocks and are entitled to the payment of their first installment, amounting to $740.

Warr[t] N[o] 1371. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Mess[rs] Halsey & Westervelt, Contractors, for that amount.

The Street Commissioner represented, that as it is contemplated to build a Ferry stairs adjoining the Block & Bridge now erecting at the foot of [258] Vesey Street, it would be a considerable saving to the Corporation, if the Contractors for said Block and Bridges were directed to introduce sufficient pieces of timber through their work to run out where the Stairs are to be placed to support the Sleepers, which would make firm and save the necessity of driving Piles. He recommended that the Alderman and Assistant be empowered to make such arrangement with the Contractors, which was confirmed.

The Street Commissioner understanding that the Corporation has agreed to provide a new Engine for Company N° 4. in place of their present Engine too small for useful service, renewed his former application that said small Engine may be appropriated for the purpose of watering new paved Streets, a process of infinite importance to the stability of the work.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the Chief Engineer.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner to whom the application of Jacob Wilkins was referred, praying for liberty to sink a Pier opposite his Water grant on the south side of Cortland Slip, has the honor to

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That he has had several conferences with the parties interested, and proposed to them that the Pier should be erected by Mr Wilkins in such manner as that the North side thereof should be on a line in continuation of the South line of Cortland Street, and that the said Wilkins [259] should have the right of wharfage round the Pier for a reasonable time as an equivalent for the relinquishing the right of wharfage on the side next the Slip to the Corporation forever thereafter.

The Street Commissioner further represents, that he has this day received two propositions from Mr Wilkins to the following effect; Vizt

1st That he will, at his own expense, in the course of one Year, build a Pier two hundred and fifty feet into the Hudson river from the West line of West Street and in such manner as portrayed on the map hereunto annexed, On Condition, that he enjoy the whole of the wharfage round the said Pier to the present line of Cortland Slip for the period of twelve years from this time, after which he will relinquish the wharfage on the North side to the Corporation.

2d And he further proposes, that he will, at the expiration of the said Twelve Years, or any time thereafter when required by the Corporation, or at any sooner period which may suit his own convenience, with the approbation of the Board, sink and complete an L to the said pier, to run northerly from the end thereof, agreeably to the delineation on the annexed Map, And release to the Corporation after the expiration of the said twelve Years, all the wharfage on the inner or Northeasterly side thereof, upon Condition that the Corporation secure to him the immediate and continual right of wharfage on the outer or westerly side of the said Pier and L.

The Street Commissioner has seriously reflected on the subject and

believes it would be conducive to the interest of the Corporation at least [260] to accede to the term and conditions of the first proposal of Mr Wilkins and recommends that it be agreed to, and that the Comptroller be directed to prepare reciprocal agreements with him in conformity thereto, leaving the second to the consideration of the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from No 4515 to No 4522. inclusive,

Ordered that the same do pass.

Aldermen Mott Messrs Slidell and Bloodgood were appointed a Committee for the purpose of making arrangements for celebrating the Twenty fifth Anniversary of the Evacuation of this City by the British Forces. Novr 25. 1783.

Abraham Van Rantz, appointed Firewarden of the 10th Ward, sent in his resignation which was accepted, and

William Meserve, was appointed in his place.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies

No 1.

James Campbell, Turner, 80. Chamber, 5th Wd
v. Martin P. Poulis, resd

John M. Riker, Carman, 99. Reade 5th Wd
v. David Bush. do

No 2.

Lewis Weaver, Shoemaker, 28. First. 10th Wd
v. John White appointed Fire Warden

[261] No 8.

Lawrence Miller, Rigger, 52. Augustus. 6th Wd
v. Rob. Johnson, resd

No 13.

Daniel Cozens, Mercht 275. Pearl. 2d Wd
v. John Vanderbilt, resd

Valentine Vandewater, Accompt 234. Water, 2d Wd
v. Gilbert Haight, do

Barant Wyckoff do 155. Front. 2d Wd
v. Wm A. Vandeursen removed.

N° 14.

Robert Buloid, Grocer. 199. Broadway, 3d Wd
v. John Van Orden, resd

Hook & Ladder N° 1.

Thomas Bleecker, Carman, 24 Roosevelt. 4th Wd
v. Thos Crawford deceased.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 1351.	Capt Nichs Lawrence City Watch		$276.36
1352	" Willm Van Wart,	do	276.36
1353	" Willm Peterson,	do	256.76
1354	" James Snow	do	256.76
1355	" Thomas Darling	do	276.36
1356	" Isaac Anderson	do	276.36
1357	John Smith, for Blacksmiths work		6.62
1358	Thomas Darling, for services on Sunday		2.
1359	Samuel Walker, posting handbills		4.
1360	James Cheetham, printing for St Commr		242.22
1361	John Wilson, for filling lot in Leonard Street		53.
1362	Isachar Cozzens, for filling Street near Arsenal		18.
1363	John Ferris, White Washing Hudson Market		10.
1364	Henry B. Earle, sinking Well in Hester & Rynder St		18.
1365	Daniel Davis, repairing Pumps, 7th & 10th Wards		86.94
1366	Saml B. Waldron, repairs to Roads		350.20
1367	Thos Browne, C. Engineer, Saly from Jany 1806. to Sept. last		1375.
1368	William Mooney, Supt of Alms House		5000.
1369	Jacob Cholwell, on Acct Contract for Lamps		1500.
1370	Thurston Wood Esqr balle for making Turf at Collect		31.97
1371	Halsey & Westervelt for Blocks at Vesey St 1st instalt		740.
		Total	$11.056.91

The following persons were admitted Freemen of this City and took the Oath prescribed by Charter. William Davison Abraham Romer Isaac S. Douglass. Obadiah Sands Charles Freeman Andrew Otterson.

[262] In Common Council. Nov^{r} 21st 1808.

Present DeWitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Jacob Mott. Dep. Mayor	Esquires Aldermen	Mess^{rs} John Slidell	Assistants
Peter Mesier		John W. Mulligan	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake		Abraham Bloodgood	
John Bingham		Stephen Ludlam	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
		Jasper Ward	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Ephraim Hart requesting that a watercourse may be opened at the Collect to enable him to drain his Lots in Little Water Street, which are overflown, notwithstanding his compliance with the ordinance of this Board to raise the same, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Henry Simmons for a Water grant in the East river opposite his property at Manhattan island, was referred to the Comptroller.

Applications for building Vaults by

John R. Murray, before his lot on the N^{o} side of Hudson Square

James P. Van Horne, before his lot N^{o} 99 Liberty S^{t} and

Benjamin Hyde, before his Lot in Beekman S^{t} [263] were severally granted under the direction of the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards and the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of Doctor William K. Scott to be appointed Apothecary of the Alms House, was referred to Aldermen Drake Bingham Mess^{rs} Ludlam and Torbert.

A Petition of William Lawrence to be appointed Measurer, was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

A Petition of John Van Wart Carman, setting forth his indigent circumstances and praying for relief, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Certificate was presented from Tunis Wortman Esq^{r} Clerk of the City & County of the returns of the late Election for Charter Officers, which was deemed to be not legally authenticated.

Whereupon Ordered that the Clerk of this Board apply to the Clerk of the City and County and request him to furnish certified copies of the returns of the late Election for Charter Officers recorded in his office.

A Petition of Anthony Steenbach elected Assessor for the 6th Ward, requesting to be excused, was ordered to lie for consideration.

Mr Mulligan submitted the draft of an Ordinance to amend the Law concerning Ferries which was referred to the Ferry Committee.

*An Account of the Expenses of the Inspectors of Election for the 8th Ward was referred to Aldermen Mott, Drake and Mr Mulligan.

[264] The Committee on Wharves Slips and Piers was directed to report whether Mr Allen has fulfilled his contract for building the Piers at Coenties and Exchange Slips.

A report from the Police Office that Capt Darling had suspended Benjamin Landers for sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the †Petition of William Allen, Inspector of Firewood at Coenties Slip, recommended that he be transferred to the District at present held by William Van Wart, and that the latter be transferred to the district held by William Allen, and that this arrangement commence on the 1st day of December next. and that the said Inspectors re-exchange their respective districts on the first day of every succeeding month thereafter; which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the ‡Petition of a number of Carmen for an exclusive privilege for carting lime, as a seperate class, Reported that in their opinion it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition, which was confirmed.

The Comptroller presented a Deed of a Water grant at Harlem to Philip Milledoler, executed under the usual formalities, which was approved and ordered to be delivered.

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for repaving Oak, Bancker, Chesnut & Pearl Streets, which had been advertised agreeably to order, and no essential objections were made thereto.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that Henry Van Pelt be appointed Collector.

[265] ||The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to lay before the Board a letter from Mr Barrow and a plan of part of the property of Trinity Church adjoining Anthony Bowrowson, whereon is projected a Street of 50 feet in width called Clark Street which they propose to cede to the Corporation in preference to a continuation of Dominick Street through the ground of Mr Bowrowson.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 346.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 168.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 206.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 326.*—ED.

The Board will, upon the slightest inspection of the Map perceive that the Corporation of Trinity Church have made a considerable surface of ground by this proposition, which Mr Barrow assures the undersigned they would not have done but from the desire of being released from any further trouble in respect to the Assessment.

The Street Commissioner believes the proposed Street will be a greater benefit to the public than a continuation of Dominick Street, as heretofore proposed and ordered to be opened: And as this arrangement will subject the Corporation to no expense, and will relieve them from an Assessment for removing Mr Bowrowsons house which is now finished: he recommends the following resolutions in conformity with the request of Mr Barrow.

Resolved that this Corporation do consent to accept a Cession from the Corporation of Trinity Church, for a Street of Fifty feet in breadth, to run from the bend of Broome Street, between Sullivan and Varick Street, to Spring Street, as laid down upon a Map thereof made and this day presented by the Street Commissioner, and

[266] Resolved further that the Resolution passed by this Board on the 23d of May last, directing a Street to be opened through the property of Trinity Church, and the property of Anthony Bowrowson on the West side of Sullivan Street between Broome and Spring Streets be and the same is hereby rescinded.

All which is respectfully submitted

Novr 21st 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances from No 4516 to No 4524. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Superintendant of repairs to whom was referred the *Petition of James Horner, reported that there was a deficiency of Nine inches in the well No 29. Corner of Mott & Bayard Streets.

Ordered that the Superintendant adhere to the rule established respecting the auditing of the accounts of persons employed in digging Wells.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the propriety of permitting vaults to [be] built in the Street of this city, as also into the expediency of charging for the privilege in proportion to

* Marginal note reads *See P. 232.*—Ed.

the benefit derived by the grantees and for the inconvenience resulting to the public by making such grant.

Aldermen Drake, Mesier, and Mr Ward, } were appointed on said Comme

[267] *Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report whether it would not be more conducive to the public interest to farm out the Streets and Manure in this city, than to continue the present system under a Superintendant.

Alderman Wood, Mr Bloodgood and Slidell } were appointed on said Committee.

Ordered that the Committee of repairs examine into the propriety of providing and setting up Pollock's Patent Stove in the Common Council Chamber.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

	N° 10.	
David Davis, Blacksmith,	37. Mulberry.	6th Ward, v. John Hilliker resd
Peter Wilcey, Combmaker,	First St	10th Ward, v. John Smith do
Philip Ferris, Butcher,	Bowery.	8th Ward, v. Peter T. Cisco. do
	N° 18.	
John Stillwell, Merchant,	8. Beekman St	2d Ward, v. Duncan McEuen do
	N° 20	
Garrit Cozine, Grocer,	167. Washington.	3d Ward, v. Wm Timpson, decd
	N° 23.	
William Hill, Carpenter,	Chapel,	3d Ward, v. Michael Gardner, resd
James Westerfield, Mason.	34. Church.	5th Ward, v. Geo Lewis, removed.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 273.*—ED.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 1372.	Andrew Jackson, for Well corner of Grand & Elizth St....	$.33.
1373.	John V. Waldron " dº " Beach & Chapel.....	9.
1374.	Issachar Cozens, Attendance at Collect.....	78.
1375	Charles J. Warner, repairs to Carriages.....	81.94
1376	Beekman M. Van Beuren, repairs to roads.....	437.20
1377	G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller, Salary.....	250.
1378	Joseph Burjeau, for Marshals Services.....	117.
1379	Van Beuren & Limberger, timber for docks.....	46.87
	Total.....	$.1053. 1

[268] In Common Council Novr 28th 1808

Present DeWitt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck. Esqr Recorder.

Esquires Aldermen	Messrs Assistants
Jacob Mott, Esqr Dep. Mayor	John Slidell
Peter Mesier	John W. Mulligan
Samuel M. Hopkins	Simon Van Antwerp
James Drake	Abraham Bloodgood
John Bingham	Thomas J. Campbell
Thurston Wood	Stephen Ludlam
Nicholas Fish	Jasper Ward

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An Application of the Captains of the First District Watch, for new Watchmens Caps, was referred to the Watch Committee.

*A Communication from Charles Smith lessee of the public wharves & Slips, informing that Richard Varick Esqr has instructed Mr Bonsall " to collect all the wharfage that may arise from vessels " lying on both sides the new pier at the South side of the Corporation " Basin " in Hudson river, was referred to the Counsel and Comptroller.

[269] A Petition of the inhabitants in
Varick and Sugar loaf Streets, and
Orange Street, above Spring Street for Lamps in said Streets, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

Petitions of Joseph Newton, and Messrs Halsey & Westervelt for a Water grant in Hudson river, in front of ground the property of the Corporation of Trinity Church near Beach Street, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Slips and Piers and the Comptroller.

†The Mayor presented a letter from Archibald McIntyre Esqr

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 339.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 312.*—Ed.

Comptroller of this State, inclosing the following Statement of Quit rents due from this Corporation, Viz^{t}

12 Years on Charter granted to the City of N York 27. April 1686. at One Beaver Skin (16/) P an		$.24.00
12 Years 6. Months on royal Charter granted 15th Jan^{y} 1730. @ 30/. p^{r} an		46.87
12. Years 9. Months on Patent granted to the City of N York for land on Nassau Island 19th April 1708. @ 5/ p^{r} An		7.98
		78.85
Commutation, First mentioned grant	$24.	
Second	45.	
Third	7.50	
		76.50
		$.155.35

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

[270] The Mayor also presented a Communication addressed to him on the subject of setting out ornamental trees on the Battery was referred to Alderman Hopkins Mess^{rs} Slidell and Campbell.

The Clerk presented returns of " the names of persons voted for as " Charter Officers together with the number of votes given for each, " at the Election held in the several Wards of this city, on the 15th " 16th & 17th days of November, 1808." duly certified by Tunis Wortman Esq^{r} Clerk of this City and County; by which it appears that the following persons were elected to the Offices set opposite to their respective names, Viz^{t}

First Ward.	Peter Mesier	Alderman
	John Slidell	Assistant
	Augustus Wynkoop	Assessors
	Robert Morris, Jun^{r}	
	Cornelius Wynkoop	Collector
	John Farrington	Constables
	Samuel P. Adriance	
Second Ward	Samuel M. Hopkins	Alderman
	John W. Mulligan	Assistants
	Gilbert Haight	Assessors
	John Hyslop	
	Gilliam Cornell	Collector
	Henry Marsh	Constables
	John Hutchins	
Third Ward.	Charles Dickinson	Alderman
	Benjamin Haight	Assistant
	Harmanus Tallman	Assessors
	Daniel Boardman	
[271]	Israel Purdy	Collector
	Joshua Green	Constables
	James Thompson	

Fourth Ward	James Drake	Alderman
	Adrian Hegeman	Assistant
	James Teller	Assessors
	Peter Bonnet	
	Adolph L. Degrove	Collector
	James Crooker	Constables.
	Daniel Nash	
Fifth Ward.	John Bingham	Alderman
	Thomas J. Campbell	Assistant
	Amos Corning	Assessors
	William Stone	
	William Berrian	Collector
	Jacob Hays	Constables
	Abraham Collard	
Sixth Ward	John D. Miller	Alderman
	Clarkson Crolius	Assistant
	Henry Ackerman	Assessors
	Anthony Stienbeck	
	Jacob Peterson	Collector
	John Ackerman	Constables
	John Becker	
Seventh Ward	Jacob Mott	Alderman
	Samuel Torbert	Assistant
	James McMasters	Asssessors
	David Lyon	
	Aspinwall Cornwall	Collector
	Morris Oakley	Constables
	Jonathan Allen	
Eighth Ward	Thurston Wood	Alderman
	Jasper Ward	Assistant
	Arthur Burtis	Assessors
	Christopher Beakley	
	Andrew Hegeman	Collector
	Thomas Darling	Constables
	Henry G. Disbrow	

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Ninth Ward	Nicholas Fish	Alderman
	Abraham Hooghland	Assistant
	Samuel Hake	Assesors
	Jonathan Randel Junr	
	John C. Kimmel	Collector
	Reuben Rider	Constables
	Samuel Wheat	
Tenth Ward	Mangle Minthorne	Alderman
	John Drake	Assistant
	John Pell	Assessors
	William Thurston	
	Abraham Van Gelder. Junr	Collector
	Lewis Osburne	Constables
	Isaac Pangburne	

A Protest of William L Rose, and a Memorial of Isaac S. Douglas and others, Electors of the Sixth Ward, against the legallity of the Return of the Inspectors of Election for Charter Officers for said Ward, were read: Whereupon

Ordered that this Board will meet on Friday next at 3 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of hearing the parties interested by counsel, and that the Clerk give them notice accordingly.

A Report from the Police Office, that Captain Snow had suspended Alexander M^cCready for fighting, and John Woodruff, for sleeping on his post, was referred. to the Watch Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Abner Conklin, Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Kelly dec^d

Reported that it would be proper, in their opinion, to direct the Street Commissioner to *settle the accounts of said Kelly with this Board [273] and on such settlement, that a warrant be issued, in favour of the Administrator, for the ballance, which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ephraim Hart, recommended that the Street Commissioner be directed to take immediate †measures for opening Collect Street from Magazine to Anthony Street and for conveying the water of Magazine Street through said Collect Street to the Collect, and likewise to open a ditch from little Water Street so as to prevent any stagnant water lying in the vicinity; which was confirmed.

The Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner on the application of Jacob Wilkins for liberty to sink a pier on the South side of Cortland Slip, recommended that the Board accept the first proposition contained in said Report, and that the Second lie over for further consideration, which was confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred a ‡Resolution of this Board for them to enquire and report whether by cleansing the Streets under the direction of a Superintendant of Streets or by farming the same out, be the most advantageous to the public interest:

Report

That they have had recourse to the Comptrollers books and to the return of the Superintendant of Streets beginning March 28^th 1807. and end February 29. 1808. making nearly one Year. That the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 314.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 420.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 267.*—ED.

Superintendant paid in cash [274] the sum of £311.8.11. in which was included the fines and £18.0.0. old and outstanding debts for 1803-4. He also returns outstanding debts for £.492.1.8. making in the whole £803.10.7.

The Committee further state that according to the Comptrollers books it appears that the Streets were farmed out for $.3410. that the difference would be £.760. allowing all the outstanding debts to be good.

The Committee finding that the greatest revenue to the public is from farming the said Street, are fully of opinion that the Streets ought to be farmed out; They therefore recommend that a Committee of this Board and the Comptroller be authorized to farm out said Streets without delay in Districts as in 1806. And that the now Superintendant be dismissed from that office as soon as the Committee can carry the farming system into effect.

Nov^{r} 28th 1808.

Thurston Wood
Ab^{m} Bloodgood.

A motion for postponing the consideration of said report was lost.

Whereupon ordered that the subject be referred to the Same Committee to report an Ordinance in conformity

M^{r} Mulligan was added to the Committee.

The Ferry Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported

*An Ordinance to amend a law entitled "a law concerning Ferries," passed Jan^{y} 11th 1808. Which was passed and ordered to be published.

The Committee to whom was referred the resignation of Doctor Hunting Sherril [275] recommended that William D. Creed be appointed Apothecary of the Alms House to serve at least One Year, and to give at least one Months notice in case of resignation; which was confirmed.

The Committee on applications for Offices to whom was referred the Petition of William Lawrence, reported in favour of his being appointed Measurer of Grain, Salt and Coal, which was confirmed.

The Comptroller reported that he had examined the Books, & Vouchers† of William Mooney Sup^{t} of the Alms House for the quarter ending the 31st Oct^{r} last, and found that there is due to the Superintendant a ballance of $.2225.18. agreeably to the Acc^{t} Curr^{t} presented to the Board. That included in this Account was a ballance of $.1368.81 charged to the Bridewell for expenditures for that estab-

* Marginal note reads *Vide Laws P. 37.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Expenditure the last quarter $18,743.95.*—ED.

lishment, among which is the sum of $.323.46. for cloathing supplied Convicts sent to the Fortifications.

Warr[t] Nº 1398. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of William Mooney for said Ballance.

Alderman Mott presented an Acc[t] of David Robertson, for repairs and cleaning Bellevue Hospital, by order of the Board of Health, amounting to $.65.6.

Warr[t] Nº 1399. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of David Robertson for that Amount.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of Correcting Nuisances from Nº 4525 to Nº 4527. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

[276] The Committee appointed to adjust the claims against the Commissioners for laying out Streets, incurred in discharge of their duty, was empowered to settle the costs accruing in the suits brought against said Commissioners.

Ordered that on M[rs] M[c]Adam' giving a grant to make use of her well for public purposes, that the Superintendant of repairs, under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the 1[st] Ward, place a Pump in the Alley adjoining said Well.

Ordered that the Clerk provide printed blank notices and serve the same on the Members of this Board, individually, whenever Special Meetings are appointed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

Nº 18.

John K. Townsend, Merch[t]	298 Pearl.	2[d] Ward.	v. John Targee
John Willis d[o]	14. Peck Slip.	2[d] Ward.	v. Sam[l] M. Thompson

Nº 25.

Benjamin Boyd, Clerk.	1. Hague S[t]	4[th] Ward.	v. Peter Wooley, res[d]
John Holdershaw, Cabinetmaker,	51. Cliff.	2[d] Ward.	v. Benj[n] Carpenter, d[o]
Isaac Thorne, Grocer	133. Cherry.	6[th] Ward.	v. Israel Underhill, d[o]
John C. Tucker, Cordwainer,	129. William.	4[th] Ward.	v. James L. Orr. d[o]

N° 26.

Isaac Whittingham, Brassfounder. 22. Charlotte. 7th
v. Jas Sowerby. resd

N° 27.

Artemas Brigam, Painter. Hester & Broome. 8th
v. David J. Secor. do

John Lear Hairdresser. Greenwich, 5th
v. James Lorton. do

[277] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 1380	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch	.....	$276.36
1381	" William Van Wart do	.....	276.36
1382	" William Peterson do	.....	256.76
1383	" James Snow do	.....	256.76
1384	" Thomas Darling do	.....	276.36
1385	" Isaac Anderson do	.....	276.36
1386	James Hardie, Assist to City Inspecr Salary	.....	62.50
1387	Andrew Otterson, do to St Commr do	.....	52.
1388	Edward Moran, do do do	.....	52.
1389	Thomas Hazard, Keeper of City Prison & Assts do	.....	441.50
1390	B. Skaats, for self & Assistant &c. do	.....	124.77
1391	John Declew, Inspector of Bread. do	.....	77.80
1392	H. C. Southwick, printing for public Offices	.....	71.50
1393	Evening Post, half yearly subscription	.....	37.50
1394	Willm J. Waldron, to pay Clerks of Election	.....	69.25
1395	Joseph Burjeau, to pay Marshals attends do	.....	151.
1396	Luke Torboss, Painting & glazing	.....	414.80
1397	O'Neil & Lee, for Well & Pump in Barley Street	.....	62.
1398	William Mooney, Supt Alms House	.....	2225.18
1399	David Robertson, repairs to Bellevue Hospital	.....	65. 6
		Total....	$5525.82

[278] In Common Council, Decr 2d 1808.

Present De Witt Clinton, Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder.

Jacob Mott. Dep. Mayor	Messrs Aldermen.	John Slidell	Assistants.
Peter Mesier		John W. Mulligan	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake		Abraham Bloodgood	
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood		Stephen Ludlam	
Nicholas Fish		Samuel Torbert	
		Jasper Ward.	

The Board met agreeably to adjournment for the purpose of taking into consideration the Protest of William L. Rose and the Memorial

of Isaac S. Douglas & others Electors of the 6th Ward against the legallity of the Return of the Inspectors of the late Election for Charter Officers for said Ward.

When Thomas Addis Emmett Esqr appeared as Counsel for the Memorialists, and Tunis Wortman, Esqr as Counsel in favour of the Officers returned.

The following Documents were produced & read.

[279] To the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened:

The Subscriber, one of the Electors of the Sixth Ward of the City of New York, dwelling in the said Ward, humbly protests against the proceedings of the Inspectors appointed for the said Ward at and during the Election lately held therein for Charter Officers, for this to Wit, that the Act entitled "An Act relative to the Election of Charter Officers in the City of New York passed April 5th 1801. requires that the Inspectors to be appointed under the said Act should at the time and place of opening such Election publicly administer to each other and severally take the Oath prescribed by such Act. That the said Inspectors for the said Ward did not administer publicly to each other and severally take in the manner directed and intended by the said Act the Oath therein prescribed. The Subscriber doth further protest against the said proceedings, for this to wit, that by the said Act the said Inspectors are commanded and enjoined by their oath, which Oath they are severally directed to take, to canvass and estimate the ballots taken at such election and certify a true and just statement of the same and by the 9th Section of the said Act the said Inspectors are directed to certify and declare the Majority of votes for each respective Office; That the said Inspectors of the said Ward took jointly the said Oath and not severally and from a misconstruction of the same and of the true meaning thereof did not each for himself canvass and estimate the ballots taken at the said Election, but each canvassed and estimated a part only of the said ballots and not one of them [280] canvassed and estimated the whole of the said ballots without such actual and several canvassing of all the ballots as by the said Act is meant and required. The Subscriber doth farther protest, against the said proceedings, for this to wit, that persons not sworn and irresponsible for their conduct were permitted to interfere in the canvassing of the said ballots & did assist in the opening and canvassing of the same. The Subscriber doth farther protest, against the said Election for this to wit, that the Certificate filed by the said Inspectors in the Clerks Office relative to the said Election does not correspond in amount with

the ballots canvassed & estimated by them in manner aforesaid, but exceeds the same by twelve ballots, as will appear to Your Hon^bl Body by the number of Votes certified to have been given for the respective Collectors. The Subscriber doth farther protest against the said Election, for this to wit, that by the 3^d Section of the Act aforesaid it is made the bounden duty of the Inspectors to give Three hours notice by proclamation of the final closing of the Poll, which notice was not given by proclamation nor in any other way. by the said Inspectors at the said Election, Altho' the said Act in this respect is imperative & binding upon the said Inspectors. The Subscriber doth therefore for the reasons aforesaid in his capacity of Elector, and in defence of his rights as an inhabitant & Freeholder of the said Ward protest against all and singular the proceedings aforesaid and begs leave to refer your Hon. Body to the Affidavits hereunto annexed, for a statement of facts and prays to be heard in support of them by Counsel and that Your Hon. body would make such order [281] and grant such relief in the premises as Your powers and usages and the Laws of the land would justify.

W^m L. Rose.

Affidavits accompanying the Foregoing Protest.

N^o 1.

City of New York. ss.

Theophilus W. Smith of the City of New York, Attorney at law, being duly sworn doth depose and say that he was present at the canvassing of the votes given for Charter Officers in the Sixth Ward of the said City of New York at the late Election, that Robert Dillon one of the Inspectors commenced reading aloud the names written on the ballots after the same had been counted and proceeded under the direction and inspection of the other two Inspectors to examine the said ballots to about the number of forty as this deponent believes. That while the Inspectors were engaged in the manner above stated they were interrupted by a person of the name of John A. Crolius who proposed to them a different mode of canvassing. That there upon M^r Dillon requested him not to incommode them with any of his plans as the Inspectors were the persons who ought to know what manner of canvassing was proper and right, or words to that effect; and this Deponent further says that while the said Dillon was again proceeding to examine the said ballots in the manner already mentioned and after such interruption as aforesaid, M^r Leonard Seaman one of the said Inspectors made the following proposition to his fellow

Inspectors, to wit, that the said Inspectors should take each for himself a separate parcel of ballots and examine it and estimate the number of votes contained in such parcel, and that such [282] Inspector should report such number to their Clerk who should thereupon set down the same: that the said Robert Dillon after having manifested much reluctance, finally agreed to such proposition. Thereupon the said Inspectors did proceed to canvass and estimate the said ballots in the way proposed by Mr Seaman and this Deponent saw nearly the whole of the remaining ballots canvassed and estimated in such manner. And this Deponent further saith that before the commencement of the canvass first stated he saw a person whose name this deponent believes is Oliver Drake open a large number of ballots and that he continued during the whole time this deponent was present (which was until the Inspectors had canvassed the whole of the said ballots except about fifty or sixty split ballots) to handle and examine the said ballots. And this deponent further says that a person who sat along side of Mr Steenback, one of the Inspectors aforesaid, during that part of the canvass made according to the proposition of Mr Seaman, did take down on paper the number of votes given for the different persons named on the ballots examined by Mr Steenback and that Mr Steenback did, as this deponent verily believes, report such number to the official Clerk without comparing the said number so set down, with the number of ballots by him examined; and this deponent further saith that the said John A. Crolius did open a large number of the ballots examined by Robert Dillon one of the Inspectors aforesaid.

T. W. Smith.

Sworn to before me
this 28th day of Novemr 1808.
Thurston Wood. Aldn

[283] No 2.

City of New York. ss.

Robert Finn of the Sixth Ward in the said City being duly Sworn maketh Oath and saith that he was appointed & sworn Clerk of the Poll at the late Election for Charter Officers for the said Sixth Ward and was present as such during the whole time of the said Election That he was present when the Oath of Office was taken by the three Inspectors of the said Poll at the said Election and that the said Oath was not administered by any one of them to the other or others of them, but that all three of them at the same time laying their hands upon the Bible repeated the Oath together in the first person without its

being administered by any one. That no Proclamation whatsoever was made at the said Election three hours before the final closing of the Poll on the last day of the said Election as is required by Law, nor any proclamation on that day save the one by which the Poll was opened and that by which it was finally closed. That after the said Poll was closed, the Inspectors began to canvass the ballots by jointly examining each ballot by itself and reading out aloud the names it contained. and this Deponent at the same time took down in his check list the names as they were so read out by the said Inspectors or one of them. That after about forty five ballots had been thus examined it was proposed to the said Inspectors that they should each take a parcel of the said ballots and that they should examine them at the same time each Inspector the parcel he had taken apart from the other Inspectors, which mode was adopted, altho' Robert Dillon one of the said Inspectors objected to the same. That the remainder of the votes were [284] in consequence canvassed in this manner, Each Inspector took a handful of ballots out of the balloting box and separate from the other Inspectors, (who were at the same time engaged in the same way with their respective parcels) silently examined it and without the check or controul of the other Inspectors and reported in gross the number of votes in his parcel for the several persons named or alledged by the said Inspector to be named in the ballots composing the said handfull which gross numbers as they were so reported to this deponent he was required to enter on his check list and did so accordingly but that it was perfectly impossible for any of the said Inspectors or for this deponent to say who had the majority of Votes for any of the Charter Officers of the said Ward each of the said Inspectors as well [as] this deponent being obliged to take for granted and true what was reported by the other Inspectors without examination on his part. That other persons besides the said Inspectors and who were appointed to no Office at the said Election interfered in the canvassing and examination of the said ballots. In particular this Deponent saw Mr Oliver Drake open and examine the said ballots by the side of Mr Anthony Steenback one of the said Inspectors. That the persons so interfering with the said ballots in many instances took down what they alledged to be the contents thereof and reported the gross amount (as they stated) of what they had so examined to the Inspector whom they were so assisting who immediately reported the same to this Deponent in consequence of which they were by him entered on his check list and taken into calculation in estimating the votes given at the said Election. That this [285] Deponent well

recollects the number of votes entered on his Poll List at the said Election was Eight hundred and Sixty one. That when the ballots were counted after the final closing of the Poll and compared with the said Poll list there were only Eight hundred and Fifty nine ballots. This deponent well recollects to have seen Four ballots destroyed and verily believes there were more destroyed during the said canvass, and further this Deponent saith not.

Robert Finn.

Sworn to before me
this 28th day of November, 1808.
Thurston Wood. Aldn

City of New York, ss.

Richard L. Walker of the City of New York Physician being duly sworn doth depose and say that he was present at the early part of the canvassing of the votes given for Charter Officers in the Sixth Ward of the City of New York at the late Election, that he observed an illegal interference (as he conceived) by one or more persons, not Inspectors, opening and counting the ballots: And this Deponent doth furthermore declare, that he did then and there in the presence of the said Inspectors publicly protest against such proceedings and informed the said Inspectors at the same time that it would invalidate the Election.

Richard L. Walker.

Sworn before me
this 28th of November 1808.
Thurston Wood. Aldn

[286] To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

The Subscribers, Electors of the Sixth Ward of the City and County of New York, respectfully request leave to state the following facts which occurred at the late Election for Charter Officers held in said Ward, on the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth days of November instant, and which they believe they are able to substantiate before Your Honorable Board, by the most unequivocal testimony.

That at and immediately after the closing of the Poll of the said Election, held in and for said Ward, on the day aforesaid, it was found and appeared, from the Poll list kept by the Clerk of the said Election for that purpose appointed by the Inspectors of the said Election, that the whole number of Votes given and polled at the said Election was Eight hundred and Sixty One—That upon counting the

Ballots, previously to the canvass thereof, the whole number of ballots was found to be only Eight hundred and fifty nine—That upon the canvas of the said ballots, taken at the said Election, Nine of the said ballots, for various reasons, were destroyed and not estimated by the Inspectors, but that nevertheless the Inspectors of the said Election, in the certificate by them delivered to the Clerk of the City and County, as by Law required, did certify and declare, that Jacob Peterson, who was a Candidate at the said Election, for the office of Collector of said Ward, had Three hundred and Twenty One votes at said Election, for the said Office of Collector of said Ward. That Lewis Angevine, who also was a Candidate for the said Office of Collector of said Ward, at the said Election, had Three hundred and Eighteen Votes [287] at said Election, for the said Office of Collector of said Ward—And that John O'Neale, who also was a candidate for the said Office of Collector of said Ward, at the said Election, had Two hundred and twenty Eight Votes at the said Election, for the said Office of Collector of said Ward, making the whole number of Votes given at the said Election, for the respective Candidates for Collector of said Ward, to amount, according to the said certificate of the Inspectors of said Election to Eight hundred and Sixty Seven Votes, being Six more votes than the whole number of Votes polled at said Election, and Fifteen more Votes than actually were, or ought to have been canvassed.

Wherefore Your Petitioners pray that said Election may be set aside, at least so far as it respects the Collector of said Sixth Ward, and that Your Honorable Body will be pleased to order a new Election in said Ward. And Your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Isaac S. Douglas
and others.

City of New York, ss.

Benjamin M. Mumford of the City, County and State of New York, Merchant, being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God doth depose and declare in manner following, that is to say.

That he the said Benjamin M. Mumford was present at and during the whole period of the canvass of the ballots lately given for Charter Officers of the Sixth Ward of the City, County and State of New York, at an Election for said Charter Officers held in said Sixth Ward, on the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth days of November 1808.

[288] That the whole number of votes polled at the said Election,

as declared publicly by the Clerk of said Election, duly appointed by the Inspectors of the said Election, amounted to the number of Eight hundred and Sixty One; That the whole number of ballots, counted out of the ballot box kept by the Inspectors of the said Election, as publickly declared by one of the Inspectors of the said Election, amounted to Eight hundred and Fifty nine. That One Ballot, included in the number above specified, given for the Candidates for Charter Officers of the Fourth Ward, was set aside and he believes destroyed, by the Inspectors of the said Election. That One Ballot, included in the number above specified, given for the Candidates for Charter Officers of the Fifth Ward, was set aside and he believes destroyed by the Inspectors of the said Election. That One ballot included in the number above specified, given for Candidates for Charter Officers of the Sixth Ward, without any specification of Office attached to their respective names, was destroyed by the Inspectors of the said Election. And this Deponent doth further make Oath and declare, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that he thinks and believes he saw six other ballots (but he is positive and certain as to four) destroyed by the Inspectors of the said Election, which was publickly declared to be double ballots or two ballots closely rolled up together.

And this Deponent doth further make oath and declare that a few days after the said Election he called upon the Clerk of the City and County of New York, at his Office in Pine Street, to examine [289] the official return of votes given at the said Election, as returned to the office of the said Clerk by the Inspectors of the said Election. That upon the Inspection of the said return it appeared, that Three hundred and Twenty one votes were returned as given to Jacob Peterson one of the candidates for the office of Collector of said Sixth Ward—That Three hundred and Eighteen were returned as given to Lewis Angevine, one of the Candidates for the office of Collector of said Sixth Ward. And that Two hundred and Twenty Eight votes were returned as given to John O'Neale one of the Candidates for the Office of Collector of said Sixth Ward. making the whole number of votes returned as given to the respective Candidates for the Office of Collector of said Sixth Ward. to amount to Eight hundred and Sixty seven.

And further this Deponent saith not.

B. M. Mumford.

Sworn this 1st Day of December
Before me
Sam. M. Hopkins, Ald.

City of New York. ss.

Charles Freeman of the City, County and State of New York, Merchant, being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, doth depose and declare to the best of his knowledge and belief in manner following that is to say.

That he the said Charles Freeman was present at, and during the whole of the canvass of the ballots given at the late Charter Election held in the Sixth Ward, on the fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth days of November 1808. That the whole number of votes polled at the said Election as declared by the Clerk of the said Election, duly appointed by the Inspectors of the same, amounted to Eight hundred [290] and Sixty One. That the whole number of ballots counted out of the Ballot Box, kept by the Inspectors of said Election, amounted to Eight hundred and Fifty nine Votes, as publickly declared by one of the Inspectors of the said Election. That one ballot, included in the above number given for the candidates for Charter Officers of the fourth Ward was destroyed by the Inspectors of the said Election; that one ballot, included in the above number, given for the Candidates for Charter Officers of the Fifth Ward, was destroyed by the Inspectors of the said Election. That one ballot included in the above number, given for the Candidates of the said Sixth Ward without any specification of Office attached to their respective names was destroyed by the Inspectors of the said Election.

And this Deponent doth further declare, that he saw Four ballots destroyed by the Inspectors of the said Election, purporting to be double ballots, or two ballots rolled up closely in one.

And further this Deponent saith not.

Ch^{s} Freeman.

Sworn this 1st day of Dec^{r} 1808.

David Crone. Ass^{t} Justice.

City of New York, ss.

James Bartow of the City and County and State of New York, Gentleman, being duly Sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, doth depose and declare to the best of his knowledge and belief, as follows, viz^{t}

That he the said James Bartow was employed by the federal Committee of the Sixth Ward in and for an Election held for Charter Officers in said Ward, on the fifteenth, sixteenth & seventeenth days of November 1808. for the purpose of keeping a [291] correct Poll list of the Electors of said Ward, who were polled and voted at the said

Election. And this Deponent doth further make Oath, that according to the Poll list kept by him as aforesaid and to which this Deponent has had special reference, previously to making this Affidavit, the whole number of votes given and polled at the abovementioned Election, amounted to Eight hundred and Sixty one, and no more.

And further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn this 1st day of December. 1808
Before me
John Burger,
Assist Justice of the peace.

James Bartow.

To the Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York: The representation of the Subscribers Inspectors of the late Election for Charter Officers of the Sixth Ward, respectfully

Sheweth

That in consequence of a Notice from the Clerk of the Common Council to us stating that Protest has been laid before the Corporation against the proceedings of the said Election. And that on receiving said Notice we proceeded to examine said protest with the affidavits attached thereto. And on the examination thereof find erroneous statements therein contained which we beg leave to correct and likewise to state the impressions on our minds relative to the mode of the Inspectors qualifying and relative to making proclamation three hours before adjournment.

First We believe and consider ourselves as solemnly sworn and strictly bound in law by the [292] Oath that we severally took as Inspectors of said Election as we could have been if the said Oaths had been administered in the most formal manner that could be prescribed by the invention of man.

Secondly. The Law of the 27th. February. 1807. declares that the Poll of the Election shall be closed at Sunset which in the opinion of the Inspectors is a Proclamation in itself and supercedes the necessity of all other proclamations.

And as to the Statements contained in the said affidavits, we make the following declaration.

First, it was agreed by the Inspectors that they should examine and count the ballots (that is such of them as contained what was tickets) and that they should report the same to the Clerk and that he should set down the same as reported to him: but not that each of the Inspectors should take a separate number to himself and that they

should each make their report separately as Mr Smith has stated in his affidavit.

Secondly. Mr Finn states in his affidavit that the Inspectors agreed to each take a parcel of votes and examine them apart and that the said Inspectors did examine the said parcels of votes apart silently and report in gross the number of votes so canvassed. He likewise states that other persons besides the Inspectors interfered in canvassing and examining the said ballots and that said persons took down in many instances what they alledged to be the contents thereof and that they reported the gross amount (as they stated) of what they had so examined to the Inspectors who immediately reported the same to the Clerk, and that the Clerk entered the same on his check list. Which said statement we declare to be absolutely and positively erroneous and incorrect and that no persons [293] did examine and report to the Inspectors nor did we report the result of any persons examining to the Clerk nor was any such report entered by our directions.

Thirdly Doctor Walker states that he observed an illegal interference by one or more persons not Inspectors opening and counting the ballots and that he did protest against such proceedings and that he informed the Inspectors that it would invalidate the Election.

In reply to which we state that we know of no such person that counted any votes, and as to a person's assisting in opening the ballots, it is no more than what has frequently been done before at other Elections, and to the knowledge of some of us has been admitted by Dr Walker himself when he was an Inspector.

And it has been stated that a greater number of Votes. was returned for Collectors than was polled; We beg leave to make the following observations which we believe will principally point out the error (if an error has taken place) Vizt

If the aggregate number of votes for the Collectors amounted to more than the list polled as is stated, the aggregate for the Assistants was less, and by adding the whole number of votes for Assistants and the whole number for Collectors together the amount exactly doubles the number said to be on the poll list, consequently if any error has taken place, it could only (in our opinion) have arisen from the Clerks placing some of the votes to the Collectors when he should have placed them to the Assistants, which possibly may have been the case, as at the Charter Election there are not two Clerks to check each other as at the Election for members of Assembly. There was [294] however several ballots destroyed in consequence of two of them being rolled together, which (if the Poll list as it is now estimated is correct) will

leave a small deficiency which we know not how to account for unless as above.

We therefore conscientiously believe that we have acted as impartially as we possibly could and have only to add that we regret that any one has considered that he has cause to complain.

Leonard Seaman
Anthony Steenback.

The Common Council being ready to proceed in the investigation:

It was objected by Mr Wortman, Counsel in favour of the Officers returned, that the Common Council had no right to determine upon the legality of this Election and that the return of the Inspectors is conclusive.

Whereupon, after having heard Counsel on this point, it was

Resolved that the Common Council proceed to hear the merits of the contested Election, reserving the preliminary question for subsequent determination

Mr Mulligan gave notice that he should move for a reconsideration of the preceding resolution.

The Board, at 7 o'clock. P. M. adjourned to meet tomorrow at half past 2. P. M. for the further hearing of this subject.

[295] In Common Council. Decr 3d 1808.

Present De Witt Clinton, Esquire Mayor.
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire Recorder

Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor	Messrs Esquires Aldermen.	John Slidell	Assistants.
Peter Mesier		John W. Mulligan	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake		Abraham Bloodgood	
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood		Stephen Ludlam	
Nicholas Fish		Samuel Torbert	
		Jasper Ward	

The Board met, agreeably to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Agreeably to notice Mr Mulligan moved for a reconsideration of the Resolution of yesterday, which being seconded,

He moved that said Resolution be rescinded, which was carried.

Mr Mulligan then moved, that this Board now proceed to determine whether it has a right to decide on the legality of the return of the

Inspectors [296] of the Election for Charter Officers for the Sixth Ward.

Which motion being seconded was carried.

Whereupon the Recorder offered the following resolution

Resolved that this Board have the power to determine upon the legality of Charter Elections.

Which, on a division, passed in the Affirmative as follow.

Affirmative			Negative	
Mr Recorder	Messrs Slidell		Alderman Bingham	
Mr Deputy Mott	Mulligan		Messrs Bloodgood	
Aldermen Mesier	Van Antwerp		Campbell	
Hopkins	Torbert.		Ludlam	
Drake			Ward.	
Wood		11.		5.
Fish				

Mr Mulligan offered the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that in the proceedings on the Protest and Petition against the legality of the late Election for Charter Officers in the Sixth Ward, in case any question is to be debated before the Board that the Counsel supporting the Affirmative side of any proposition open, that the opposite Counsel answer and that the debate be then closed by a reply from the Counsel supporting the Affirmative if he think fit.

The following Oath was agreed upon to be administered to the Evidence.

[297] Oath.

You A. B. do swear that the evidence you shall give in relation to the last Election and canvass for Charter Officers for the Sixth Ward shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, So help you God.

Mr Emmet appeared as Counsel for the Memorialists, and

Mr Wortman and William Sampson Esq on the part of the Officers returned.

Robert Finn Theophilus W. Smith Richard L. Walker James J. Myers and Charles Freeman were severally sworn as Evidences on the part of the Memorialists. and Charles Monell Anthony Steenback Leonard Seaman Robert Dillon Oliver Drake John A. Crolius and Benjamin M. Mumford were also sworn as Evidences on the part of the Officers returned

The Board having heard the Counsel for the respective parties adjourned at 10 o'clock P. M. to meet on Monday next, 10 o'clock. A. M.

[298] In Common Council. Decem^{r} 5th 1808.

Present De Witt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder.

Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor.	Esquires Aldermen	Mess^{rs} John Slidell	Assistants.
Peter Mesier		John W. Mulligan	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Simon Van Antwerp	
James Drake		Abraham Bloodgood	
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood		Stephen Ludlam	
Nicholas Fish		Samuel Torbert	
		Jasper Ward	
		Samuel Kip	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Robert Black, boatman, plying between Flymarket and Brooklyn representing that he is materially injured in the means of providing for the support of his family, by the late Ordinance respecting Ferries, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

*A Petition of John Schuyler for stand N^{o} 13. Flymarket, formerly occupied by N. Boyce was referred to the Market Committee.

[299] An application from the Society for the relief of Poor Widows respecting the lien on their Lots in Stanton Street, for filling the same, was referred to Aldermen Mesier & Drake with power to suspend the Sale.

The Committee to whom was referred the †Memorial of Doctor Pascalis, reported that on duly considering the same, they were of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Corporation to retain his services. and that he would besides attending on the Gaol & Bridewell assist Doctor Huyler in consultation when required at the Alms House, and that Doctor Huyler would in return consult in difficult cases at the Gaol & Bridewell. That as this arrangement will essentially benefit those institutions, they recommended that Doctor Pascalis be allowed a Salary of Two hundred Dollars p^{r} annum, as Surgeon and physician of the Gaol and Bridewell, which was confirmed.

The following Report was presented by the Building Committee.

The powers vested in the Building Committee of the New City Hall being about to expire, they deem it their duty to report to the Board that their Treasurer, having closed all the accounts up to the 26th inst. they have been carefully examined by the Committee, the Vouchers compared with the general Account and all found perfectly correct; the

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 212.* [*312*].—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 232.*—Ed.

result is that there has been expended from the 25th Novr 1807. to the 26th Novr 1808, for the following items, vizt

[300] Painting		£76: 8: 2
Lime and Sand		184:15: 9
Timber, Boards and Plank		429: 1:—
Carpenters		522: 1: 3
Masons & Labourers		1752: 5: 4
Iron, Ironmongery & Lead		316:17: 5
Contingencies comprehending a variety of Accts that cd not be brot under a particular head		2920:14: 9
Stone and Cartage		766:19: 3
Stone Cutters		5693: 7: 7
Stone Carvers		735:17: 9
John[son] & Stevens		1025: 3:10
do.....in advance		400:—:—
Marble		898:15:—
Brick		342:12:—
	$40.162.38.	£16.064:19: 1
The Come have recd at difft times	27.962.97.	11.185: 3:10
leaving a Balle due Come	$12.199.41.	£4.879:15: 3

When the extent of the Building is considered the great quantity of materials required, and the necessary workmen employed, it will be admitted that according to the Sum expended it has progressed as far this season as could be expected.

The Mason work being suspended for this season and the Walks carefully covered to resist the weather, all such persons have been discharged as could be dispensed with, retaining only those who are to be employed during the winter, in order to expedite the work, so that nothing may prevent the Building being completely roofed in the course of the following Year.

The Committee have been furnished by Mr McComb with an Account of the quantity of work now finished and nearly ready to lay on the walls. [301] also the value of Marble and other Materials on hand amounting to $.24.113.

The Committee beg leave to remark that this Building has been in hand for a considerable length of time and has cost $.247.163.$^{38}/_{100}$ including the Materials on hand, that about two thirds of the Walls, are carried up to the under side of the entablature, or within about 3 feet 6. inches of the height to receive the roof on the wings: and a large quantity of materials prepared for the upper work. That it will be

prudent and economical to have the Edifice put completely under cover in the course of the ensuing season, which may be easily accomplished, and they place a firm reliance in the wisdom of the Board to adopt such measures as may give energy to the Committee who may hereafter direct the affairs of this Building, so as to enable them to accomplish this desireable object.

Jacob Mott
Dec^{r} 5th 1808. Jn^{o} Slidell
Samuel Torbert

Ordered that said report be published and that Warrants be issued in favour of the Building Committee for the ballance in six several Warrants.

Ordered that the Chief Engineer deliver to Fire Engine Company N^{o} 4. The new Fire Engine in possession of M^{r} Hardenbrook.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N^{o} 1400.	John H. Sickles, on acc^{t} of	Building Comm^{e}	.....	$2000.
1401.	d^{o}	d^{o}	.....	2000.
1402	d^{o}	d^{o}	.....	2000.
1403	d^{o}	d^{o}	.....	2000.
1404	d^{o}	d^{o}	.....	2000.
1405	d^{o}	d^{o}	.....	2199.41
				$12.199.41

Total amount of Warrants from Dec^{r} 14. 1807. to this day $258.234.17. in 830. Warrants.

[302] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N^{o} 11.

Andrew Murray, Sadler. 135 Water S^{t} 2^{d} Ward, v. Eli Emmons. dec^{d}

N^{o} 30.

Jameson Cox, Baker. 17. Charlotte S^{t} 7th d^{o} v. John Dowerdish res^{d}

N^{o} 32.

John Gordon, Carpenter, Spring S^{t} 8th d^{o} v. W^{m} Meserve, app^{d} Fire Warden

Peter Provost, Shoemaker, Third S^{t} 10th d^{o} v. John Pell. d^{o}

Hook & Ladder N° 2.

John Poillon; Cabinetmaker, 271. Pearl. 3d Ward v. Chs Hyslop. dismisd for neglect of duty

Joseph K. Hillegas, Carpenter. 417. Pearl. 4th do v. Danl Dominick resd

The Board proceeded to the determination of the legality of the return of the Inspectors of the Election for Charter Officers for the Sixth Ward.

When Mr Recorder offered the following resolution

Resolved that the canvassing of the votes at the last Election for Charter Officers of the Sixth Ward is illegal and void; inasmuch as the Inspectors proceeded to canvass the greater part of the said votes seperately and not jointly as by law required: That they permitted the interference of persons not Inspectors: And that the Estimate of the Votes was, in point of fact, incorrect.

Which on a division, passed in the Affirmative, as follows,

Affirmative		Negative	
Mr Recorder	Messrs Slidell	Alderman	Bingham
Mr Deputy Mott	Mulligan	Messrs	Bloodgood
Aldermen Mesier	Van Antwerp		Campbell
Hopkins	Kip.		Ludlam
Drake			Torbert
Wood			Ward.
Fish	11.		6

[303] Whereupon the Recorder moved the following resolution, which was passed.

Resolved that an Election for Charter Officers in the Sixth Ward be held on Wednesday the fourteenth day of this month, and that the same be conducted, in all respects, conformably to the directions prescribed by the Act entitled "an Act relative to the Election of Charter Officers in the City of New York;" and the Act entitled "An Act for dividing the Seventh Ward of the City of New York and for extending the time of Charter Elections in the said City."

Leonard Warner Henry Eagle and John Crolius. Junr were appointed Inspectors for said Election, to be held at Lyons tavern in Mott Street.

On an assertion of Mr Bloodgood that the proceedings of the Inspectors of the Election for Charter Officers in the Second Ward, were irregular.

Mr Ludlam moved

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the legality of the proceedings for the Election of Charter Officers in the Second Ward.

Which, on a division, passed in the Affirmative, as follows.

Affirmative		Negative
Mr Deputy Mott	Messrs Van Antwerp	Mr Recorder
Aldermen Drake	Bloodgood	Aldermen Mesier
Bingham	Campbell	Fish
Wood	Ludlam	Messrs Slidell
	Torbert	Ward
	9	Kip.
		6

[304] Alderman Hopkins and Mr Mulligan declined voting

Aldermen Mott Mesier and Bingham were appointed a Committee for the purpose specified in said resolution.

The Mayor proceeded to qualify the Charter Officers, returned for the ensuing Year, excepting the Sixth Ward, by virtue of the power vested in him by Charter.

When on the Charter Officers returned for the Second Ward, presenting themselves to be qualified,

An objection was made by Mr Torbert against qualifying them, until the Committee, on the subject of the Election for said Ward, report.

A motion for postponing their qualification was carried.

The following Charter Officers were, then, respectively qualified. Vizt

First Ward.	Peter Mesier	Alderman
	John Slidell	Assistant
	Augustus Wynkoop, Robert Morris, Junr	Assessors
	John Farrington, Samuel P. Adriance	Constables
Third Ward.	Charles Dickinson	Alderman
	Benjamin Haight	Assistant
	Daniel Boardman	Assessor
	James Thompson, Joshua Green	Constables
[305]		
Fourth Ward.	James Drake	Alderman.
	Adrian Hegeman	Assistant.
	Peter Bonnett, James Teller	Assessors.
	Daniel Nash, James Crooker	Constables.

Fifth Ward.	John Bingham	Alderman.
	Thomas J. Campbell	Assistant
	Amos Corning	Assessors.
	William Stone	
	Jacob Hays	Constables.
	Abraham Collard	
Seventh Ward	Jacob Mott	Alderman
	Samuel Torbert	Assistant
	James McMaster	Assessors
	David Lyon	
	Morris Oakley	Constables.
	Jonathan Allen	
Eighth Ward	Thurston Wood	Alderman
	Jasper Ward	Assistant
	Arthur Burtis	Assessors
	Christopher Beakley	
	Thomas Darling	Constables
	Henry G. Disbrow	
Ninth Ward	Nicholas Fish	Alderman
	Abram Hoogland	Assistant
	Samuel Hake	Assessors
	Jonathan Randel Junr	
	Reuben Ryder	Constables
	Sammuel Wheat	
Tenth Ward.	Mangle Minthorne	Alderman
	John Drake	Assistant
	William Thurston	Assessors
	John Pell	
	Isaac Pangburn	Constables.
	Lewis Osborn	

[306] The Mayor informed the Board that he had appointed Samuel Montgomery High Constable for the ensuing year, who appeared and was qualified accordingly.

Daniel Phœnix was unanimously reappointed Chamberlain or Treasurer for the ensuing year, who appeared and took the Oaths prescribed by Law and Charter. He offered the Hon. John Broome and Daniel McCormick Esqr as his securities, who were approved: And the Clerk was directed to prepare a Bond in the usual form.

Resolved that His Honour the Mayor be and he is hereby appointed Proxy, in behalf of this Board to vote, at the ensuing Election, for Directors of the Manhattan Company.

[307] In Common Council, Dec^{r} 12th 1808.

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire, Mayor.

Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor Peter Mesier Samuel M. Hopkins Charles Dickinson James Drake John Bingham Nicholas Fish Mangle Minthorne	Esquires Aldermen	Mess^{rs} John Slidell John W. Mulligan Benjamin Haight Adrian Hegeman Thomas J. Campbell Stephen Ludlam Samuel Torbert. Jasper Ward Abram Hooghland John Drake.	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An application from the Commissioners of the Alms House, representing that the pressure of the times, added to the approaching inclemency of the season, occasions such numerous applications for relief as to put it out of the power of the Commissioners to afford it without aid: And suggesting the propriety of opening a house to issue donations, and that a Committee may be appointed [308] to confer with them on the subject was referred to Alderman Drake Bingham Mott Mess^{rs} Slidell and Ludlam

A Communication from the Superintendant of the Alms House, setting forth his urgent want of money, not having received the amount of the last Warrant in his favour, was referred to the same Committee.

A Memorial of the Proprietors of the Pier on the West side of Flymarket Slip on the subject of the period when Interest is to commence on the Bond to be given by this Board for the value agreed upon for the Eastern part of said pier, was [referred] to the Committee of which Ald. Drake is chairman.

A Memorial of E. Ny de Neville on the subject of a contemplated establishment as an Assylum for aged and infirm French Emigrants in this city, and requesting the concurrence of this Board to carry the same into effect, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

*A Petition of Leonard Baley for permission to sell small meats in Hudson Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

Petitions of George M. Patten for a grant of Stand N^{o} 3. Duane Market, occupied by William Mooney, who is willing to relinquish the same in his favour; and of

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 339.*—ED.

Daniel Deavenport, to be licenced as a Butcher and for a grant of stand N° 8. Hudson market;

were severally referred to the Market Com- [309] mittee, who forthwith reported in favour of the Petitioners, which was confirmed.

A Petition of John Van Winkle for a licence to ply on the East river between this City and Long Island was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Memorial of John Jay Esq^{r} and numerous other proprietors of lots fronting upon Canal Street and in the vicinity thereof, was read setting forth that there are upwards of three thousand lots fronting upon said Street and in the vicinity thereof which cannot now be improved or used owing to the present State of said Street. That the cellars round the Collect have water in them, some of which have been filled with earth, And that some of the cellars of houses in Chapel Street are also rendered useless in consequence of being overflown with water. That the various plans for regulating Canal Street have proved very prejudicial to the petitioners: and that any one plan however imperfect would prove less prejudicial than the frequent fluctuations that have hitherto taken place in relation to this and the adjacent Streets. The Petitioners therefore prayed that the Common Council would apply to the Legislature to appoint Commissioners to lay out, regulate and open Canal Street and that the plan and regulation of such Commissioners may be declared conclusive and permanent. Which Memorial together with an application of Thomas Duggan that the remainder of Canal Street may be opened, was referred to the Canal Committee.

[310] *A Petition of John P. Waldron for permission to erect a Hay Scales at Harlem, was referred to Mess^{rs} Ward Hooghland and John Drake.

A Petition of Isaac W. Hadley to be appointed Superintendant of Streets was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

Applications of Walter Bowne for permission to make vaults before his premises corner of Pearl and Frankfort Streets, and of

James Dobbin to make a vault before his lot N° 3. Division Street, were granted under the inspection of the Aldermen & Assistants of the respective Wards and the Street Commissioner.

†An Account of the expenses of the Inspectors of Election for the First Ward, was, together with other similar Bills, referred to Aldermen Mesier Minthorne, and M^{r} Ward.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 385.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 346.*—ED.

A Bond executed by Mr Phœnix as Treasurer of this City was presented, approved and ordered to be filed.

Warrt No° 38. On application Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Cholwell on account of his contract for lighting the Public Lamps, for $.1500.

Warrt No° 39. On application Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Messrs Halsey & Westervelt for $.750. the amount of the 2d instalment for the Pier at Vesey Slip.

Warrt No° 40. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Hopkins for $28.42. to pay costs of suits against the Commissioners for laying out Roads and Streets.

[311] *The Memorial of the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Congregation in this city together with the Report of the Counsel and Street Commissioner thereon, was referred to Aldermen Wood Dickinson Minthorne Messrs Campbell and Torbert.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to take into consideration and report on the State of the Finances of this Board. Aldermen Mott Fish Bingham Drake and Mesier.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to revise the law appointing Commissioners for laying out the Island of Manhattan and report the same to this Board, that measures may be taken to get the same passed into a law.

The Committee on revising the Laws was appointed for the purpose.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report what laws it may be proper to petition the Legislature at the ensuing Session to enact for the benefit of this city.

Aldermen Drake Hopkins and Mr Torbert were appointed on said Committee.

†Ordered that the Law to prevent frauds in the measurement of certain Vegetables be referred to [312] Alderman Drake Messrs Ludlam and Slidell. for revisal.

A report from the Police Office that Captain Darling had suspended Cornelius Post for neglect of duty, was referred to the Watch Committee.

‡A Law respecting the Floating Engine was presented and passed.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the ||Petition of

* Marginal note reads *See P. 67. 240.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 325.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *Vide Laws P. 38.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 298.*—Ed.

John Schuyler, for Stand N° 13. Flymarket, reported in his favour, which was confirmed.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

The Comptroller has the honor to report on the *Communication from the Comptroller of the State of New York, presenting a statement of quit rents due from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the 25th March 1809.

Vizt

as entered in Page 269. amtg to $.155.35.

On enquiring of the City Treasurer relative to this claim, he is of opinion that the statement is accurate, having some years past paid to the State a considerable sum then due for the like quit rents.

As the Commutation now proposed will (if paid) be a discharge from future demands, agreeably to the letter of Mr McIntyre; it is respectfully recommended that the proposition should be accepted, and the amount $.155.35. transmitted to the Comptroller of the State previous to the 25th of March next.

G. N. Bleecker.
Comptr

Decr 12. 1808

Warrt N° 45. [313] Ordered that the same be confirmed and that a Warrant be issued to discharge said Quit rent for $155.35.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

†The Street Commissioner has the honor to inclose the report of the Attorney of the Board stating the award of the Jury for opening and improving Magazine Street, the amount of which is considerably less than that of the referrees heretofore appointed upon that subject.

As this business has been long procrastinated and Mrs Lynch, who is the most interested, has been very pressing for a settlement and has several times threatened to sue for damages in consequence of the delay, it would perhaps be improper to postpone the settlement of this business any longer.

The Street Commissioner therefore proposes the following resolution.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to present at the next meeting of this Board the draft of an Ordinance for assessing the amount awarded by the Jury for opening and improving Magazine Street, between Elm and Cross Streets.

Which is respectfully submitted
John S. Hunn.

Decr 12th 1808

* Marginal note reads *See P. 269.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 326. 342.*—Ed.

The Attorney of the Corporation has the honour to report, That the Jury summoned to value certain property required for the opening and improving of Magazine Street, have given the following verdicts.

To Mrs Lynch & the heirs of Francis Lynch decd

for House	$300.	
Ground	500	
		$800
[314] Garrit B. John & Mary Abeel, 203 sq: feet		100
George Janey. 225. square feet		25
		$925

Which is submitted.

Decr 12. 1808. Samuel Cowdrey.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Drake Mesier and Mr Ludlam.

The Street Commissioner represented that Walter Allen had completed the piers between the Exchange and Coenties Slips to the satisfaction of the Committee appointed to inspect them. He therefore recommended that a warrant be issued in his favour for $2125. And that the Mayor give his Bond for the same amount to the proprietors of the adjoining lots to raise the money to discharge said Warrant: Which was confirmed

Warrt No 41. And a Warrant ordered to be issued in favour of Walter Allen for $.2125.

*The Street Commissioner represented that the sum of $.80.57. is due to Daniel H. Magie and Joseph Kelly on their contract for digging and regulating Bullock Street from Broadway to the Bowery.

Warrt No 42. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Abner Conklin, Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Kelly deceased for $80.57. in discharge of said contract.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances, from No 4588 to No 4596, inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

[315] Election of Charter Officers for 2d Ward.

The following Affidavit was presented.

James Main of the City of New York residing in the Second Ward of the said City, and an Elector, maketh Oath that on the Second and third day of holding the Election for Charter Officers, the Poll was closed, and the Inspectors retired to dinner, by which means the Citi-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 272.*—Ed.

zens were deprived for a considerable time of the right of suffrage, which the Deponent conceives to be contrary to law.

New York December 12, 1808.

Sworn before me James Main.
this 12th day of Decr 1808.
Jacob Mott. Alderman.

Samuel M. Hopkins Esqr and Mr John W. Mulligan presented themselves to be qualified as Alderman and Assistant for the Second Ward.

On Motion by Mr Slidell that they be qualified accordingly.

Mr Torbert moved, which was seconded, that the subject be postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

Whereupon debates ensuing,

Mr Ward made a motion, which was seconded, that the Board adjourn:

Which, on a division was lost, as follows.

Affirmative		Negative	
Mr Deputy	Mott	Aldermen	Mesier
Alderman	Bingham		Hopkins
	Minthorne		Dickinson
Messrs	Hegeman		Drake
	Campbell		Fish
[316]	Ludlam	Messrs	Slidell
	Ward		Mulligan
	John Drake.		Haight
	Torbert.		Hooghland.
	9.		9.

The Board being equally divided the Mayor gave his casting Vote in the Negative.

Mr Torberts motion for postponing the subject was then put and carried. on a division, as follows:

Affirmative		Negative	
Mr Deputy	Mott	Aldermen	Mesier
Aldermen	Drake		Hopkins
	Bingham		Dickinson
	Minthorne		Fish
Messrs	Hegeman	Messrs	Slidell
	Campbell		Mulligan
	Ludlam		Haight
	Torbert		Hooghland.
	Ward		8
	John Drake.		
	10		

Alderman Hopkins and Mr Mulligan presented a Protest, and required that it should be entered on the Minutes.

Mr Hegeman moved, which was seconded that the same should lie for consideration.

Which, on a division, was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

The Ayes and Nays being the same as on the preceding question.

For the affirmative. 10. For the Negative. 8.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

[317] No 10.

James Gillender, Shipmaster — Bowery, 10th Wd
v. Jas Webster, expelled

Stephen Palmer, Sailmaker, — Second 10th Wd
v. David Marsh, resd

Gilbert Coutant, Grocer, — Bowery. 8th Wd
v. Jonathan Pinkney, resd

Samuel Jobes, Carpenter, — Nicholas, 10th Wd
v. Caleb Terril

Nicholas Schureman do — Bowery, 9th Wd
v. Lancaster Palmer.

No 19.

Elnathan Underhill, Butcher, — Spring. 8th Wd
v. Nichs Hardenbrook resd

No 24.

John Miller, Cabinetmaker, — Cedar St 3d Wd
v. Jas Reynolds. rsd

Isaac H. Bogert, Inspecr Pot Ash, — Broad St 1st Wd
v. Elias Brevoort, do

No 29.

William Seamons, Mason, Lispenard St 5th do v. Peter Parsells. do

Duncan C. Bodle, Grocer. Greenwich St 8th " }
Isaac Martin, Carpenter, Budd. " " } Additional.
Joseph Seaman, Carman, do " " }
Andrew Van Buskirk, Mason, Greenwich, " " }

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 1.	Captain Nicholas Lawrence,	City Watch	.....	$276.36
2.	" William Van Wart,	do	.....	276.36
3.	" William Peterson	do	.....	256.76
4.	" James Snow	do	.....	256.76
5.	" Thomas Darling	do	.....	276.36
6.	" Isaac Anderson	do	.....	276.36

Nº 7.	Frederick Eckert, for Work for Supt repairs	.....	$177.50
8.	Joseph Boyd, " Carting for dº	.....	41.
9.	Jacob Straut, " dº dº	.....	38.
10.	George McCamman, labour for dº	.....	25.
11.	Joshua Barker, Special Justice, balle of Salary	.....	109.58
12.	David Stebbins, Powder for 25th Novr	.....	112.37
13.	Gurdon Buck & Daniel [Buck]. dº dº	.....	108.
14.	Henry Mack, preparing ammunition for dº	.....	47. 6
15.	Thos Freeborn & P. Paulding, Marshals Service Sunday	....	16.
16.	John W. Burnside & others, dº dº	....	36.
17.	Jonathan Allen & John McMannus dº	....	74.
18.	Mercantile Advertiser, printing Treasurers Acct	.....	30.
19.	Abm O. Bogert, Jury fees on Magazine Street	.....	18.
20.	Elizth Archer Admx of M. Archer, Int on Bond	.....	29.52
21	[318] William Dustan, Collecr Assessmt on Streets	.....	108.61
22	Henry Van Pelt, dº dº dº	.....	83.73
23	Vogle & Dobbs, Carting Earth to Reed Street	.....	23.
24	James Langley dº Collect	.....	14. 4
25	Dob & Westervelt, Fee for Award in case of D. Woolsey	...	12.
26	Alexander Morton, carting earth to Duane St	.....	11.68
27	Henry Hillman, repairs to Wells & pumps	.....	77.39
28	O'Neil & Lee dº dº	.....	58.50
29	John Fine dº dº	.....	23.25
30	William Butler dº dº	.....	27.42
31	James Richardson, sinking Well in 4th Ward	.....	54.
32	Matthew Dikeman, repairs to Pumps	.....	44.25
33	Daniel Woolsey, repairs to Docks & Slips	.....	503.41
34	John Johnson, Blacksmiths work	.....	166. 1
35	Watson & Campbell, Lumber for public works	.....	119.44
36	Beekman Van Beuren, repairs to roads	.....	363.88
37	Abel W. Hardenbrook, for 3 Fire Engines	.....	1840.
38	Jacob Cholwell, on Contract for lighting Lamps	.....	1500.
39	Halsey & Westervelt, on acct Pier at Vesey Slip	.....	750.
40	Saml M. Hopkins, to pay costs suits agt Commisrs for laying out streets	.....	28.42
41	Walter Allen, 3d instalt for Piers at Coenties & Exchge Slips		2125.
42	Abner Conklin, Admr of estate of Jos. Kelly decd balle of contract for digging out Bullock St	.....	80.57
43	David King, for public dinner, 25th Novr	.....	644.
44	dº for use of room for Juries, &ca	.....	74.94
45	for quit rents due the State	...	155.35
	Total	.....	$

[319] In Common Council, Decem^{r} 19th 1808.

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor Peter Mesier Samuel M. Hopkins Charles Dickinson James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish Mangle Minthorne.	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs	John Slidell John W. Mulligan Benjamin Haight Adrian Hegeman Thomas J. Campbell Stephen Ludlam Jasper Ward. Abraham Hooghland John Drake.	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meting were read and approved.

The Mayor informed the Board that he had appointed Jacob Mott Esq^{r}, Alderman of the 7th Ward, Deputy Mayor, and presented his Commission approved by His Excellency the Governor of this State. M^{r} Mott affirmed to and subscribed the Oaths of Office prescribed by law, in the presence of the Mayor named in the Commission [320] of Dedimus potestatem to tender and administer the Oaths required by law, to all officers Civil and Military appointed or elected for the City and County of New York.

The Clerk presented a return of the Inspectors of the Election for Charter Officers for the Sixth Ward held pursuant to order, on the 14th 15th & 16th days of December instant, certified by Tunis Wortman Esq^{r} Clerk of this City and County, by which it appeared that the following persons were duly elected to the Offices set opposite their respective names, Viz^{t}

John D. Miller	Alderman
Isaac S. Douglas	Assistant.
Henry Ackerman	Assessors
William Davidson	
Jacob Peterson	Collector
John Becker	Constables.
John Benson	

The following Charter Officers were then respectively qualified; viz^{t}

Second Ward.	Samuel M. Hopkins	Alderman
	John W. Mulligan	Assistant
	Gilbert Haight	Assessors.
	John Hyslop	
	Henry Marsh	Constables.
	John Hutchings	

Sixth Ward	Isaac S. Douglas	Assistant
	Henry Ackerman	Assessor
	John Benson, John Becker	Constables.

[321] The Mayor appointed the following Standing Committees of this Board, for the ensuing Year.

1. On Applications.
Aldermen Drake, Minthorne, Mr Haight.

2. Building.
Aldermen Mott, Drake, Dickinson, Mr Slidell, Ward.

3. Canal
Messrs Torbert, Mulligan, Hegeman, Douglass, Campbell

4. Defence.
Aldermen Fish, Mesier, Hopkins, Mott, Bingham, Drake, Minthorne

5. Ferry.
Aldermen Drake, Dickinson, Mr Torbert.

6. Finance.
Aldermen Bingham, Drake, Messrs Slidell, Torbert, Ward, Campbell.

7. Fire Department.
Aldermen Mott, Messrs Mulligan, John Drake.

8. Lamp.
Alderman Wood, Messrs Campbell, Haight.

9. Laws & Ordinances.
Alderman Hopkins, Messrs Mulligan, Hegeman.

10. Market
Aldermen Mesier, Bingham, Mr Ward

11. Repairs.
Alderman Bingham, Mr John Drake, Hegeman

12. Roads.
Aldermen Fish, Mott, Bingham, Dickinson, Drake.

13. Watch
Aldermen Wood, Miller, Minthorne

[322] 14. Ways & Means
Aldermen Bingham, Miller, Minthorne, Messrs Slidell, Hoogland.

15. Wharves, Slips & Piers
Aldermen Drake, Hopkins, Mott.

*A Petition of Anthony Smith, proprietor of Five Acres of Common lands at Kissing Bridge, subject to a quit rent of Four bushels of Wheat and proposing that said quit rent may be assigned and levied upon one half acre lot to the exemption of the rest, was referred to the Comptroller.

A Memorial of William Brady, Keeper of the public Hay Scales at Harlem, remonstrating against the petition of John P. Waldron for the privilege of erecting another Hay Scales in the same town, was referred to Messrs Ward Hoogland and John Drake.

A Petition of Lewis Guest to be appointed Inspector of Firewood for the district from Walnut Street round Corlaer's Hook to Willett's Wharf was granted.

A Petition of Horris Holton to be appointed Inspector of Firewood, was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

Petitions of William Robb and Samuel F. Whiting to be appointed Measurers of grain, were referred to the same Committee.

†A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 30 for an augmentation of their number, was referred to the Fire Department.

[323] †A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 24 representing that the situation of their Engine House in Nassau Street is extremely inconvenient, and suggesting the propriety of removing the same to the open space in the rear of the Oswego Market, was referred to the same department.

‡A Petition of Stephen Gould, representing the decayed State of the House belonging to this Corporation, corner of Wall & Broad Street, of which he is tenant, and proposing to lease the same for a term of years, with a view to build on the premises, was referred to Messrs Hegeman Haight and Ward.

||An Application of David Godwin, lessee of Hobocken Ferry requesting permission to erect a temporary building adjacent to the Ferry Stairs for the accommodation of passengers, in consequence of his being burnt out at the late §Fire in Vesey Street, was referred to the Ferry Committee, with power to grant if proper.

On suggestion that there was cause of suspicion respecting said Fire, Alderman Mesier Messrs Mulligan and Slidell were appointed a Committee to investigate the subject.

¶An Application of Cornelius C. Van Alen for payment of the prin-

* Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 340.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 343.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 339.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 338.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *Wednesday night Decr 14th*—Ed. ¶ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 342.*—Ed.

cipal and interest of the Bond due the estate of Cornelius Clopper deceased was referred to the Comptroller.

[324] The Mayor presented the following correspondence with the Secretary at War.

New York. 9th December. 1808.

Sir

I take the liberty of calling your attention to the works erecting for the defence of this port and to suggest the expediency of continuing the laborers in employ, who have been engaged in that business. The rate of wages may be reduced in proportion to the shortness of the days; and I am assured by Col. Williams that work may be beneficially carried on to a considerable extent.

Independently of other considerations I would just observe that an arrangement of this kind would relieve from distress a great number of indigent families who must otherwise suffer.

I have the honor to be &c:

De Witt. Clinton

The Honorable
Henry Dearborn

War Department.
December 14th 1808.

Sir

Your letter of the 9th is before me. There can be no objection to continuing as many workmen as can be employed to advantage on reasonable terms. Col. Williams will judge of the number and conditions.

I have the honor to be &c,

H. Dearborn

Honble.
De Witt Clinton.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Defence.

Reports from the Police office

That Captain Snow had suspended Charles Shepherd for leaving his post and misbehaviour [325] and that Captain Peterson had suspended Joseph George, for improper conduct whilst on duty, were referred to the Watch Committee.

Reports from the Captains of the Watch of Lamps not lighted or extinct at an early hour, in their respective districts, were referred to the Lamp Committee.

The Committee to whom the *subject was referred, reported an †Ordinance to prevent frauds in the measurement of certain Vege-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 311.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Vide Laws P. 38.*—ED.

tables, which was passed; and the former Ordinance relating thereto, passed the 14th day of November last was repealed.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the *subject relative to taking the ground of Walter Bowne, by the Verdict of a Jury, for the purpose of widening Frankfort Street at the intersection of Pearl Street,

Report.

That they are still of opinion, as they stated in their former report, that it is incumbent on the Corporation to approve the verdict of the Jury with the judgment of the Court relative to damages in said case; which said opinion being consonant, in our former report, with the verbal, and in the present with the written opinion of the Counsel of the Corporation, the Committee recommend the adoption of said verdict accordingly.

Jacob Mott
Stepn Ludlam
Jno Slidell.

Decr 19th 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[326] The following report was presented.

†The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Jury summoned to value certain property required for widening and improving Magazine Street.

Report

That in their opinion it is high time this business should be closed, and recommend the adopting the resolution proposed in the report of the Street Commissioner of the 12th inst.

Jas Drake
Peter Mesier
Stepn Ludlam.

Decr 19th 1808.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward to whom was referred the ‡Communication of the Street Commissioner with proposals from the Corporation of Trinity Church to cede a Street by the name of Clark Street, reported, that in their opinion, the same ought to be accepted, which was confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the application of John Van Winkle for a licence for a boat or lighter to ply between this city

* Marginal note reads *See P. 200.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 313. 342.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 265.*—Ed.

and Brooklyn beg leave to state that the amendment to the Ferry law lately passed by this board was intended to protect the rights of the lessees of the Ferries, who have agreed to pay to this board valuable considerations for that privilege: and as this Board has already farmed out the privilege we think it will be improper to licence any boats as Ferry boats to ply between this city and Brooklyn.

Dec^{r} 19th 1808.

Ja^{s} Drake
Charles Dickinson.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[327] Alderman Hopkins presented the following award of damages against the Commissioners for laying out Streets, viz^{t}

To Samuel Milligan.....Thirty five Dollars
J. C. Krapff.....Twenty four Dollars.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 51. Ordered that a Warrant for the amount be issued in favour of Alderman Hopkins to discharge the Same.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

*The Street Commissioner is again under the painful necessity of representing to the Board that the Assessors appointed and qualified two years ago to assess the amount of the award for widening Jay Street, have neglected to attend to that duty, altho' they have been repeatedly solicited to complete the Assessment.

The Board some twelve months ago at the suggestion of the undersigned, passed a resolution directing them to make out the assessment by a certain time or to advance their reasons in writing for not doing so. This was complied with on their parts, and it now becomes the more serious as M^{r} Rhinelander talks of demanding interest on the award which he will undoubtedly be entitled to receive.

As these gentlemen have all qualified, it is enjoined on them by their Oath, as well as by the duty they owe to their fellow citizens to persevere in making out the Assessment and it is with the Street Commissioner a matter of doubt, whether the Corporation can or ought, under such circumstances, [328] to exonerate them from this duty. At the same time there ought to rest with the Board some compulsory power, that the public service ought not to suffer by their delay.

The Street Commissioner submits the subject to the Common Council, in hopes they will take such measures as are in their power to correct the evil.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Dec^{r} 19th 1808. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Counsel of the Board.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 359.*—ED.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner avails himself of the earliest opportunity of representing to the Board that the Corporation of Trinity Church are proprietors of a plot of ground, on the west side of Greenwich Street and running about 80 or 90 feet westerly to high water mark, and that they have advertised this ground for sale at public auction on Friday next, holding out an idea, that the purchaser may obtain a water grant from this Corporation for the whole of the lands in front to West Street, which, if suffered to prevail will be the means of the lots selling for five times as much as they would otherwise be worth.

Ever since it was discovered that the Corporation had inadvertently granted to Corning Skidmore & Romaine the waters between North Moore and Provost Streets, which were previously reserved for a public basin, it has been in contemplation to reserve this ground and the waters in front for public purposes, being the only place left on the Hudson for a public basin between the basin at Duane Street and that reserved at the mouth of Canal Street.

[329] Independent of this circumstance, it will be conducive to the public interest for the Corporation to retain the whole of this ground. There are not above 12 feet water opposite to it on West Street, it is considerably filled up by accident, being a deposit for the rubbish of the vicinity, and as Mr Newton has filled up on the one side and Mr Rhinelander on the other, the whole of the plot to West Street might be raised with a comparative small expence.

In making this reserve the Corporation, most assuredly would not be deviating from the strict rules of Justice they have laid down with respect to issuing Water grants: for the Corporation of Trinity Church does not wish to take out the grants, and no individual, at this moment, has any pretensions to such a claim. But if this Board should permit the lots to be sold, coupled with the idea that the purchaser may obtain the grants, it will place them in a situation with the new purchaser, similar to that in which they are placed with other individuals, who own ground bounded by the waters of the river.

The Street Commissioner has carefully viewed the premises and most seriously reflected upon the advantages which the Corporation may derive from filling up this ground themselves and disposing of the lots, and he is of opinion that, if the Corporation will adopt this plan they will find independent of all expense, a clear saving in the public Treasury of at least Ten Thousand Dollars. This is a serious sum, but the calculation upon the most liberal terms will afford it; for there are 12 or 14 building lots made by it, as more fully appears by

a plan of the premises accompanying [330] this communication, to which the undersigned begs leave to refer. If then this sum can be saved to the public by a small exertion on the part of the Corporation, why let it pass off unimproved? Why suffer it to go into the hands of individuals who will claim the whole by paying to the Corporation an annual stipend scarcely worth receiving? Why give up these public advantages that the profit may supply the coffers of an adventitious bidder.

The Street Commissioner concludes by seriously recommending to the Board to direct the Comptroller to attend the aforesaid sales, and there publicly to declare that the Corporation will not give grants to any person whomsoever for the lands under water bounding upon the premises so offered for sale; that they intend to fill up the lots themselves and dispose of them in such manner as they may conceive most conducive to the public interest; and that they intend to reserve the water in front of the premises, commencing at West Street, for a public basin.

All which is respectfully submitted

Dec^{r} 19th 1808. John S. Hunn.

Whereupon Resolved that the waters in front of the Lots proposed for sale by the Corporation of Trinity Church, situate at the corner of Beach & Greenwich Streets, be reserved for a public basin, and that the Street Commissioner inform M^{r} Barrow, Agent of the said Corporation, accordingly.

The Street Commissioner represented that the Wharf below Burling Slip and the Coffee house Slip has, agreeably to order, been completely repaired and the ground filled in to receive the pavement as soon as the season shall permit. That the Assessors for paving South Street omitted including the [331] expenses of these repairs in their assessment as it was impossible to ascertain the amount until the whole was completed. That it is necessary that an Ordinance be passed to make an assessment of these expenses amongst the persons benefitted, before it will, by them, be considered binding.

He presented the draft of an Ordinance for the purpose which was passed accordingly, and Samuel Tooker John Ellis Charles Marsh Thomas Bolton and John Taylor were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner represented that Daniel Woolsey is entitled to his 3^{d} installment for the Pier at Partition Street, amounting to $631.50.

Warr^{t} N^{o} 52. Ordered that a warrant be issued in his favour for the same.

Mr Mulligan offered the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Lamp Committee report at the next meeting of this Board the deficiencies reported by the Captains of the different watches of this City, in the lighting the lamps of this city since the expiration of the last contract, and also the amount of the penalties incurred by virtue of the last contract, by reason of the said deficiencies.

Ordered that the *complaint made by Doctor Onderdonk, on the 26th of Septemr last, of the negligent state of the public Lamps, be referred to the same Committee.

[332] Alderman Drake offered the following resolution which was passed.

†Resolved that a Committee of this Board be appointed to examine the Situation of the lots of ground situate and fronting on Magazine Street belonging to this Board and if in their opinion it would be proper for this Board to sell them in fee or otherwise, to direct the Street Commissioner to have them surveyed and a Map presented, together with the opinion of the Committee on the best plan for disposing of the same.

Alderman Drake
Messrs Douglass and Campbell were appointed said Committee.

Alderman Wood offered the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner take immediate steps to obtain a cession of all the Streets in the Village of Greenwich of the persons whose right it is to grant the same, Provided such cession can be obtained without expense to this Board.

Alderman Hopkins offered the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Physician of the Alms House use all diligence to have the children and other paupers in the Alms House vaccinated, who have not heretofore had the small pox and that in future no children be admitted, unless upon condition of submitting to vaccination.

Ordered that the Fire Wardens forthwith examine the several buildings within their respective wards in conformity with the "Law for preventing and extinguishing Fires and to regulate the keeping and transporting of Gunpowder in this City.

[333] Mr Hegeman was appointed on the Committee, on the subject of farming out the Manure in the Streets of this city, in the place of Mr Bloodgood.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 161.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 348.*—Ed.

Richard L. Degrove was appointed Fire Warden for the Seventh Ward.

Assize of Bread.

	Ounces.
Sup. fine Flour, Inspected, 52/. p^{r} Barr^{l}	50, for 1/.
d^{o} d^{o} d^{o}	25 " 6^{d}
d^{o} mixt with Fine Indian	54 " 1/
d^{o} d^{o}	27 " 6^{d}
d^{o} d^{o} with Rye Flour	60. " 1/
d^{o} d^{o}	30 " 6^{d}
Rye Flour 28/. p Bb^{l}	72. " 1/
d^{o}	36. " 6^{d}

Dec^{r} 19th 1808. Daniel Phœnix.
City Treas^{r}

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N^{o} 46.	James Richardson, sinking Well in 7th Street	$.27.50
47.	George Lyon, Clerk of Election, 6th Ward	8.
48	John A. Crolius, Inspec^{r} of Bread, Salary	80.70
49	Jacob P. Roome, Sup^{t} of repairs d^{o}	156.
50	Samuel B. Waldron, repairs to roads	351. 9
51	Samuel M. Hopkins to pay damages awarded ag^{t} Comm^{rs} for laying out Streets	59.
52	Daniel Woolsey, 3^{d} instalment for Partition S^{t} Pier	631.50
	Total	$1305.79

Alderman Miller being confined to his house by sickness, the Mayor administered the oaths, required by law, to him on Tuesday the 20th Dec^{r}

[334] In Common Council. Decem^{r} 27th 1808.

Present De Witt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder.

	Mess^{rs}	John Slidell
Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor		John W. Mulligan
Peter Mesier		Benjamin Haight
Charles Dickinson		Adrian Hegeman
James Drake	Esquires Aldermen	Thomas J. Campbell
John Bingham		Isaac S. Douglass
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert
Mangle Minthorne		Jasper Ward
		Abram Hoogland
		John Drake

Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

*An application of James P. Van Horne for permission to deposit Bricks in Liberty Street, for the purpose of carrying up his building early in the Spring, was referred to the Street Commissioner

†An application of Thomas Barrow, Agent for the Corporation of Trinity Church, requesting an explanation of the Resolution of this Board, passed at the last meeting, reserving the waters in front of the Lots proposed for sale by said Corporation, situate at the corner of Beach and Greenwich [335] Streets, for a public basin, was referred to Aldermen Mesier, Drake, and Mr Hegeman.

A Petition of David Aycrigg for grant of the soil under water in rear of the Lot No 437. Greenwich Street, was referred to the Comptroller.

Petitions of Amaziah Dusenberry and John A. Haring to be appointed Keeper of the City Prison and of Charles Gillespie, to be appointed Street Inspector, were referred to the Committee on Applications.

Petitions of the inhabitants of Sugar Loaf Sullivan and Thompson Streets, for Lamps in said Streets, were referred to the Lamp Committee.

‡A Petition of James Seacord Junr for remission of a fine imposed by the Deputy Clerk of Catherine Market, for selling Meat contrary to law, was referred to the Market Committee with power to remit the fine if proper.

||A Petition of the proprietors and inhabitants in Greenwich Street South of Beaver lane, that an Ordinance may be passed for paving the foot walks in said Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward & the Street Commissioner.

§A Petition of Grove Wright & others proprietors of houses in Hudson Street, representing that said Street, in front of their premises, will, in consequence of the late regulation of Thomas [336] Street, require alteration, which they intimate ought to be done at the charge of this Board, as they have already regulated and paved the same agreeably to an Ordinance thereof; was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Broadway from Spring Street northward, that a larger Fire Engine may be provided for that quarter of the city, than the one at present attached to No 28, was referred to the Fire Department.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 349.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 357.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 346.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 348.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See Report P. 349.*—ED.

On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House

Warrts Nº 63 @ 67. Ordered that Five Warrants for $1000. each be issued in his favour.

Alderman Dickinson presented a deposition of Doctor Gardner Jones, that he had lost a Fire Bucket at the late Fire in Vesey Street.

Warrt Nº 68. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in his favour for $.2.

*A Complaint was made against John McKenzie, Keeper of Potters Field, corroborated by depositions of his conniving at the disinterment and taking away dead bodies:

Ordered that the subject be referred to Aldermen Bingham Dickinson and Mott with power to suspend said McKenzie, if they shall judge it expedient.

On the resignation of Jacob Smith, Engineer, and by the recommendation of the Fire Department

John P. Roome, was appointed in his place.

[337] Matthew Bolmer, Fire Warden for the 6th Ward, sent in his resignation, and

William Bolmer, was appointed in his place.

Stephen Ludlam, was likewise appointed Fire Warden for the same Ward, vice Thomas White removed out of the Ward.

Mr Campbell was appointed on the †Committee to confer with the Commissioners of the Alms House, in the place of Mr Ludlam.

Mr Torbert was appointed on the Committee on the subject of John Bussing, Collector of Street assessment, accounts, in the place of Mr Ludlam.

‡Ordered that the Report of the Attorney and Street Commr relating to the piece of Common land in possession of Peter P Van Zandt be taken into consideration at the next meeting of this Board.

And also the subject relating to Robert Lylburnes claim of Common lands.

A communication was received from the Counsel, that owing to the indisposition of the Street Commissioner, he could not prepare a report respecting the Assessors for Jay Street, nor on the petition of Anthony Dey, until the next meeting of the Common Council.

A Report from the Police Office, that Captn Anderson had sus-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 347.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 307.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 225. 349.*—Ed.

pended William Tice, for improper conduct, was referred to the Watch Committee.

Reports from the Captains of the Watch on the state of the Lamps in their respective districts, were referred to the Lamp Committee.

[338] The following Report was presented

The Committee to whom was referred the reports of the several Captains of the Watch

Report

That they have had a conference with Mr Cholwell and he assigns several reasons for the lamps going out frequently and on those nights in particular.

First, there are a number of Lamps out of repair, and which will cost more to repair than they are worth.

Secondly, the pipes or tubes to support the wicks, are badly constructed.

Thirdly, in one of the districts complained against, on that night there was a new lighter.

Mr Cholwell thinks the defects may be remedied, Provided he is permitted to procure new Lamps where they are defective, and also to procure Tubes of a different construction.

The Committee has requested Mr Cholwell to report the number of Lamps defective, and the number of Tubes wanted, and recommend that they be provided immediately.

Decr 27th 1808.

Thurston Wood
Thos J. Campbell.

Ordered that the same lie for consideration.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the *application of David Godwin reported that they have consented that he be permitted to erect a small building on the Corporation grounds near the Hobocken Ferry Stairs, to remain during the pleasure of this Board: which was confirmed.

[339] The Market Committee to whom was referred the †Petition of Leonard Baley, reported that the same ought not to be granted; which was confirmed.

‡The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen Gould reported " that, in their opinion, it would be adviseable to grant " him a new lease for twenty one Years at the rent of Two hundred " and Fifty Dollars per year the building he may erect to be valued

* Marginal note reads *See. P. 323.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 308.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 323. 416. 431.*—Ed.

"and paid for by this Corporation, at the expiration of the term, "unless the lease should be renewed by agreement:" which was confirmed.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

*The Comptroller has had under consideration the communication from Charles Smith lessee of wharves and Slips, wishing to know how to proceed in the collection of wharfage on both sides the new pier at south side of Corporation Bason, as Mr Richard Varick has given instructions to his Collector to receive the same.

From a review of documents in this office it appears that a †proposal was made by Mr Varick 25th July 1806. to sell his right at the Corporation Dock to the Board "for such fair price or consideration "as may be agreed upon between himself and the Common Council, "payable on the 1st May 1812. with interest at the rate of 6 ℔r Ct per "an. &c." This was referred to a Committee who reported on the 4th August following that the sum which Mr Varick will take for property belonging to him and now offered to the [340] Board is Thirty five thousand Dollars upon the terms and conditions contained in his proposal, and are of opinion that it is for the interest and advantage of the Corporation to purchase the same. This Report appears to have lain over.

On the 1st September in the same Year Mr Romaine then Comptroller made a lengthy circumstantial ‡statement of the various points in controversy between Mr Varick and the Corporation. The business however has remained in an unsettled state till this time, and from the importance of the subject and the length of time which has elapsed since it first engaged the attention of the Common Council, the Comptroller would respectfully solicit the aid of a Committee together with the Counsel of the Board, in order that a decision may be had in the premises

Respectfully submitted

Decemr 27th 1808. G. N. Bleecker.

Comptr

Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Mott Wood and Drake.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

The Comptroller has the honor to report on the ||Memorial of Anthony Smith referred the 19th inst. proposing to assign the annual

* Marginal note reads *See P. 268. P. 433.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16 P. 123.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16. P. 147.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 322.*—Ed.

quit rent of four bushels of wheat with which five acres of Common land belonging to him are chargeable, to any one half acre lot contained in the above, which may be chosen by the Corporation for the purpose, whereby the remaining four Acres and an half may be not only exempted, but the trouble and expence of collecting the said quit rent in subdividing portions may be saved; as he is desirous to dispose [341] of part of said premises.

The Comptroller is of opinion that it would be improper to make a transfer in the manner proposed, as the security which the Corporation possess for the amount of quit rent would thereby be lessened, and a precedent established which might in future operate injuriously to the public interest. At the same time an arrangement can be made to accommodate the Memorialist, without impairing the rights of the Corporation, and for this purpose the following is respectfully proposed.

That when Mr Smith sells his land, he may assign the four bushels of wheat to any one half acre lot he pleases, and dispose of the rest free of rent. A map of the premises designating the particular Lot subject to quit rent, and the name of the purchaser can be annexed to the deed in the Comptrollers Office. It is presumed that any division of the land comprising half an Acre, will always be sufficient to indemnify the Corporation for whatever rent may accrue within a reasonable term of years, and to the proprietor of this portion they will naturally apply for payment; altho' the whole of *the whole of* the five Acres will continue to be liable, agreeably to the Deed originally granted.

The mode now suggested, it is conceived, will satisfy the wishes of the Memorialist, without impairing the security of the Corporation.

respectfully submitted.

Decr 27th 1808. G. N. Bleecker.

Comptr

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[342] The Comptroller on the *application of Cornelius C. Van Alen for payment of one Bond and interest and the Interest on two other Bonds due the estate of Cornelius Clopper;

Reported that on examination he finds the following sums due:

1 Bond dated 24th April 1797 for £500		$1250.
Intt for 8½ months due 26th Decr 1808. @ 5 pr Ct per. an..	$44.27	
1 Bond 17. Decr 1792 £500. @ 5 p Ct 1 Years Intt due Decr 17. 1808	62.50	
1. Bond 17. Decr 1796. £500. @ 5 p Ct 1 Years Intt due. Decr 17. 1808	62.50	
		169.27.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 323.*—Ed.

That as there appears no reason why payment should not be made on the demand of the applicant. He recommended that Warrants be issued for the principal and Interest as above stated.

Warr^{ts}
N^{o} 69. Ordered that Warrants be issued accordingly.
" 70.

Agreeably to *order the Street Commissioner presented the draft of an Ordinance for assessing the expenses of widening and improving Magazine Street from Elm to Cross Street, which was passed, and Richard Berrian John Crolius, Jun^{r} James J. Myers Anthony Steenback and Luke Kip were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner represented that Mess^{rs} Halsey & Westervelt were entitled to the last instalment for building the Pier at Jay Street amounting to $.687.50.

Warr^{t} [343] Ordered that a warrant be issued in their favour
N^{o} 71. accordingly.

The Fire Department to whom was referred the †Petition of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 24. on the subject of removing their Engine House

Reported in favour of the request of the Petitioners, which was confirmed.

The same Department to whom was referred the ‡Petition of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 30 for an increase of their number; reported against the prayer of said Petition, which was confirmed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of Correcting Nuisances from N^{o} 4597 to N^{o} 4608. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

M^{r} Torbert offered the following Resolution which was passed.

‖Resolved that the Street Commissioner lay before this Board at the next meeting, the present state of Grand Street, and what prevents the progress of the regulation of said Street.

Ordered that the allowance hitherto made to Constables and Marshals, for enforcing the Law for the due observance of the Lords Day, be suspended till the further order of the Board; and that it be enjoined on all the Constables and Marshals to observe the 9th Section of said Law, which makes it their duty to detect and apprehend all offenders against said Ordinance, and to give such information to the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 326 313.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 343* [*323*].—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 342.* [*322*].—ED. ‖ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 349.*—ED.

Attorney of the Corporation as to enable him to prosecute them to conviction.

*Ordered that the Street Commr report an Ordinance, at the next meeting of this Board, for assessing the expenses for widening Frankfort Street at the intersection of Pearl Street.

[344] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying Correspondent vacancies.

No 1

Martin P. Poulis, Carpenter, 56. Reed, 5th Ward,
v. John M. Riker, resd

No 12.

Barzillai Deming, Cabinetmaker, 31. Beekman. 2d Ward,
v. Ebenr L. Burling removed from city.

No 17.

Apollos Wetmore, Mercht 361. Water. 4th Ward, v. John Jay. do

Floating Engine.

Joseph Van Norden, Boatbuilder, 3. Birmingham, 7th
v. Richd L. Degrove appd Firewarden.

Simon Hawsitt, Cooper, 10. Crane 10. Crane Wharf. 2d do
v. William Adams

Ordered that the Mayor [issue] his Warrants to pay.

No 53.	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch.....			$276.36.
54.	" William Van Wart, do			276.36
55.	" William Peterson. do			256.76
56	" James Snow do			256.76
57	" Thomas Darling do			276.36
58	" Isaac Anderson do			276.36
59	Joseph Burjeau, to pay Marshals for Sunday Service.....			24.
60	Hugh Auchincloss, for Pollocks Patent Stove.....			75.
61	Isaac McComb, Mason's work fixing do			17.24
62	Daniel Davis, repairing Pumps.....			42.25
63	William Mooney, Supt Alms House.....	$1000.		
64	do	1000		
65	do	1000		
66	do	1000		
67.	do	1000		
				5000.
68	Gardner Jones, for lost Fire bucket.....			2.
69	Corns C. Van Allen, for Bond of Corns Cloper's estate.....			1250.
70	do for Int due do			169.27
71	Halsey & Westervelt, last instalmt for Jay St Pier.....			687.50
			Total.....	$.8.886.22

The Board adjourned till Thursday the 5th day of January next.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 350.*—Ed.

[345] In Common Council, January 5th 1809.

Present DeWitt Clinton, Esquire Mayor.

Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs John Slidell	Assistants
Peter Mesier		Thomas J. Campbell	
Charles Dickinson		Isaac S. Douglass	
James Drake		Jasper Ward	
John Bingham		Abram Hoogland	
Thurston Wood		John Drake.	
Mangle Minthorne			

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Petitions of Matthias Flager, for a butcher's licence, and a grant of Stand No 34. Flymarket,

and of Robert Cuthbert, for a stand in the country market, were referred to the Market Committee.

Petitions of Thomas Phillips to be appointed Inspector of Firewood, or for any other appointment,

and of David Jocelin to be appointed keeper of the Flagstaff at the Battery, in case of resignation of the Widow Keefe;

were referred to the Committee on applications.

[346] An application of Frederick Eckert, late Master Carpenter of the Corporation Work Shop, requesting to be reappointed, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Finances; who forthwith reported against the same; which was confirmed.

A Petition of Matthias Nack setting forth his indigent circumstances and requesting relief, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

*An application of Isaac Bronson for payment of the Interest due on a bond given to Miller & Baker on account of Canal Street, assigned to him, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Warrts No 95 96. On application Ordered that two Warrants be issued in favour of John H. Sickles, on account of the Building Committee, for $1000. each.

Samuel L. Page, Firewarden for the 8th Ward, sent in his resignation which was accepted, and

Abraham Labagh, was appointed in his place.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the †petition of James Seacord, reported that it has been customary to vend country produce in the Street where the Petitioners Waggon stood who con-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 360.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 335.*—Ed.

ceived that he was not acting contrary to law; they recommended that the Fine be remitted which was confirmed.

*The Committee on the subject of allowing compensation to the Inspectors of Election, reported that in their opinion the honour of the appointment was a full equivalent for the time occupied, and that every good citizen ought, when required, to execute so important and respectable a trust, cheerfully and gratuitously: which was confirmed

[347] The following Report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the examination of John McKenzie Keeper of Potters Field on the †charges exhibited against him supported by the Affidavits of several persons:

Report

That they entered into the aforesaid examination and that the said John McKenzie on hearing the affidavits read, acknowledged that all the matters and things therein contained were true.

Ordered by the Committee that the said John McKenzie be discharged from any services as keeper of Pottersfield.

A number of applications for the office of keeper of Pottersfield being received,

The Committee appointed William P. Roome keeper of Pottersfield, and that he take immediate possession of the same.

John Bingham
Jan^{y} 5. 1809. Charles Dickinson
Jacob Mott.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Committee on the State of the Finances recommended an Amendment to the Law for the appointment of a Road Committee and Overseers of the public roads, passed Dec^{r} 28th 1807.

It is Ordained in the 3^{d} Sec. "That it shall not be lawful for either of the Overseers to employ more than Six workmen and labourers, and Six horses and carts at any one time, without the special order and direction of the said road Committee, or any member thereof, or of the Mayor, Aldermen and [348] Commonalty of said City in Common Council convened."

The alteration proposed is, to strike out the Words, Or any member thereof.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the ‡Ordinance be amended accordingly.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 263. 310.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 336.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *Vide Laws P. 39.*—ED.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the *resolution of the Board, to report their opinion on the best mode of disposing of the gore of ground Situate in Magazine Street,

Report

That the boundary line between this Board and George Janeway and others is not definitively settled, and that they request the Board to authorize the Committee to employ a Surveyor of talents to assist a Surveyor to be appointed on the part of Mr Janeway to fix the boundary.

Jany 5th 1809.

Jas Drake
Isaac S. Douglass.

Ordered that said Committee be authorized to appoint a Surveyor accordingly.

The Committee on the State of the Finances reported, that the season of the year rendering it proper to suspend work under the direction of the Superintendant of repairs; they recommended that he be directed to discharge all persons employed in his department, and that he be authorized to employ only such number of persons as the public interest may require: Which was confirmed.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward to whom was referred the †petition of the proprietors of Lots & Houses in Greenwich Street, southward [349] of Beaver lane, for paving the footwalks and widening the same; reported in favour of the Petition; which was confirmed.

‡The Report of the Attorney and Street Commissioner on the report of the Comptroller relative to a tract of Common land in the possession of Peter P. Van Zandt, was called up, and on discussion, confirmed

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the ||application of James P. Van Horne, reported against the same, which was confirmed, and he was directed to order the Bricks, before his premises in Liberty Street to be removed in 10. days, or to put the law in force.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Grove Wright & others, reported that the Assessors had not yet made out the Assessment for repaving Thomas Street, and that they are the proper persons to decide upon the merits of said petition.

Ordered that the subject be referred to said Assessors.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 332.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 335.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 225. 337.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 334.*—Ed.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to *Resolution, presented a report relating to Grand Street and the reasons which prevent the progress of the regulation of said Street, which was referred to Messrs Torbert Slidell, and Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving round Catherine Market which was confirmed; and Henry Van Pelt was appointed Collector.

[350] †The Street Commissioner presented An Ordinance for Assessing the Amount of the Award for ground taken from Walter Bowne to widen Frankfort Street, which was passed, and Isaac Burr John Brown Clarkson Crolius Samuel Thompson and Moses Taylor were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents received from William Dustan on the Assessment for opening Cross Street

the whole amount of which is	5611.37
From which if be deducted	2074.52
assessed to Mr Janeway, Mr Ward Mr Beekman and the Corporation, there will remain actually to be collected	$.3536.85

Ordered that a warrant to enforce payment be issued in the name of Adolph L. DeGrove.

The Street Commissioner presented Nine returns of Delinquents received from William Dustan on the following Assessments:

1.	Filling sunken Lots in Broadway	$.171.80
2.	Regulating First Street, from Delancey St to Stanton	84.
3.	do Mulberry from Grand to Broome	265.
4.	do Varick from Provost to No Moore	118. 3
5.	do Bayard, from Mulberry to Orange	4.95
6.	paving do do	276.69
7.	Regulating Hester St fr. Bdway to Mercer	11.70
8.	Repaving Greenwich St Beaver to Rector	50.77
9.	Removing House in Chamber Street. 279^{33}/_{100}$ of wh is assessed to the Corporation	344.33

Ordered that a Warrant to enforce payment be issued in the name of Samuel Montgomery.

[351] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from No 4609. to No 4614. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 343.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 343.*—Ed.

The City Inspector, in behalf of the Street Commissioner represented that the Sale of the Lots in Stanton Street, to reimburse the expenses for filling the same, took place this day; and that Benjamin F. Haskins, proprietor of three of the said lots, purchased in the same.

That John R. Livingston, in behalf of Mrs Jannet Montgomery, proprietor of the remaining three lots, advanced $\$.731.^{2\frac{1}{2}}/_{100}$ on condition that the same shall be refunded to him, if received from Mrs Montgomery on or before the 20th day of February next, in failure of which, that the said lots shall be exposed for sale at Auction on the said day, in the same manner and for the same purpose as set forth in the Advertisement for selling said lots published in the American Citizen and Public Advertiser of this date, and subject to such further expenses for advertising and selling the same, as may be incurred; And that the above sum shall, in such case, be refunded to the said John R. Livingston on the 21st Feb. next; All which he hoped would be approved by the Board.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

Mr Ward offered the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Committee of laws report a law, to be presented to the Legislature, to empower the Corporation to employ Convicts to work on the public roads.

[352] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 4.

John Jaques, Grocer, 21. Nassau Street, 3d Ward. } additional
George Thompson, Salesman, 30. Gold. 2d " }
John Weyman, do 39 Maidenlane " }
William Smith, Mercht 101. Broadway 3d " }

No 6.

James Shotwell, Cooper, Murray & Greenwich St 3d "

v. Danl Hustice, resd

No 13.

Aaron Brinckerhoff, Grocer, Front & Fletcher, 2d v. John Gilmour, removd

No 14

Cyrenius H. Beers, Grocer, 4 Cliff. 2d v. John P. Roome, appd Engineer.

Simeon V. Brower, Mercht 287 Greenwich. 5th v. Wm P. Roome, resd

Joseph L. Hoyt, Ship Chandler, 3. Church, 3d v. Saml Rosett, expelled.

N° 19.

Michael Crawbuck, Butcher, 174. Bowery, 8th v. Peter Crawbuck, resd

N° 34.

Garrit Debaune, Carpenter, Greenwich St 8th Ward v. Robt Gidney. resd

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

N° 72.	Captain Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch			$276.36
73	" William Van Wart	do		276.36
74	" William Peterson	do		256.76
75	" James Snow	do		256.76
76	" Thomas Darling	do		276.36
77	" Isaac Anderson	do		276.36
78	John Pintard, City Inspector, Salary			312.50
79	James Hardie, Assist to do	do		62.50
80	Andrew Otterson, do to St Commr	do		54.
81.	Edward Moran. do do	do		54.
82	Jacob Straut, carting for Supt repairs			38.
83	Joseph Boyd, do do			30.
84	George McCamman, labour for do			10.
85.	[353] Public Advertiser, half yearly subscripn			37.50
86	Simon Van Antwerp, for Ironmongery			104.91
87	Edward Watkeys, for Candles			37.14
88	Matthew Banks, blacksmiths Work for Pumps			53.84
89	O'Neil & Lee, repairing Wells			33.
90	James Richardson, do do			12.75
91	Adolphus Loss, for Surveying			133.90
92	Beekman M. Van Beuren, repairs to roads			186.98
93	Samuel B. Waldron	do		238.82
94	Gosman & McComb, for Curbstone & flagging			34.40
95	John H. Sickles, on acct building Come		1000	
96	do	do	1000	
				2000.
			Total	$.5133.20

[354] In Common Council, January 16th 1809.

Present De Witt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs John Slidell	Assistants.
Samuel M. Hopkins		John W. Mulligan	
Charles Dickinson		Adrian Hegeman	
James Drake		Thomas J. Campbell	
John Bingham		Isaac S. Douglass	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
Mangle Minthorne.		Jasper Ward	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

*A Petition of John Butler, for permission to occupy part of the lower end of the Exchange Market for a grocery Store and Stage Office for Amboy and New Brunswick, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward.

A Petition of the inhabitants of the Eighth Ward for two lamps in Herring Street, was referred to the Lamp Committee, with power to grant, if proper.

A Petition of Stuart Ludlam, to be appointed [355] to regulate and affix numbers on tin plates to the several houses throughout this city, at the rate of nine pence each house; was referred to the Committee of repairs, with power to employ him, if proper.

A Petition of David Crone, setting forth that he has served as an Artilleryman nine years, previous to the year 1804. and consequently exempted, by law, from being taxed to the amount of $.500. but that nevertheless he has been assessed and paid taxes; and praying that the same may be refunded, was referred to Counsel.

A representation by Alderman Drake of the negligent state of the public lamps was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of the inhabitants in Front Street, between New Slip and Peck Slip, for additional Watchmen, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Abraham Brevoort to be appointed Inspector of Bread, was referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition of sundry inhabitants in East George Street setting forth that two Stacks of Chimnies on a lot near Harman Street, the building of which was lately burned down, are imminently hazardous to the neighbourhood, and praying that the same may be pulled down; was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward, with power to abate the nuisance, if in their judgment the same shall appear absolutely necessary.

*Marginal note reads *See Report P. 409.*—Ed.

[356] *A Petition of sundry proprietors of Wharves and Warehouses at Brooklyn, for the privilege of transporting, in boats, Cotton, Tar and other merchantable commodities, with which the late amendment to the "Law concerning Ferries," interferes, was referred to the Ferry Committee and Counsel.

†A Petition of the Heirs of Dorothy Riker, for payment of the award for ground taken for improving Burling Slip, was referred to the Comptroller.

‡A Petition of William J. Waldron & others proprietors of Lots in the vicinity, that Walker Street may be continued from Broadway to Beach Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward.

||A Petition of Rossey Morgan, for remission of a fine for selling liquor without licence, was referred to the Attorney.

An application of Henry Low for permission to assign his lease of ground for the remainder of his term to Abram Hoogland and Andrew Onderdonk, was granted.

Warrt No 118. On application, Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham, on account of the Committee of repairs, for $.100.

On application of the Trustees of the New York Free School Society for the sum appropriated by the Legislature, to be paid annually by this Corporation out of the monies received from the Commissioner of Excise:

Warrt No 119. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Leonard Bleecker, Treasurer of said Society, for $.1000.

Warrt No 120. [357] On application, Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Cholwell, on account of his contract for lighting the public Lamps, for $.1500.

A communication was received from the Superintendant of the Alms House, informing the number of paupers in that institution, this day, to be as follows

Men	356
Women	391
Children	303
Total	1050

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 405.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 369. 391. 419.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 385.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report P. 420.*—Ed.

and further representing that the out door poor are very considerable and rapidly increasing and that their wants become more and more urgent: He therefore requested an appropriation in his favour.

Warr^{ts} N^{o} 121. @ 125. Ordered that Five several warrants be issued in his favour, for $1000. each.

A Report was received from the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, agreeably to law, respecting the application of the Interest arising on the sum of $1567.$^{78}/_{100}$. received from the State for the use of their Free School, which was ordered to be filed.

A further Petition of Leonard Baley for permission to sell small meats in Hudson market was referred to the Market Committee, who forthwith reported against the same, which was confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Committee appointed on the *Memorial of M^{r} Thomas Barrow, one of the Committee of Leases [358] for the Corporation of Trinity Church, respecting the Resolution of this Board, passed Dec^{r} 19th last, in consequence of an Advertisement for the Sale of certain Lots belonging to said Church, beg leave to report,

That after a careful and deliberate investigation of the subject, they are of Opinion no reservation of water between West Street and the Lots advertised for sale by Trinity Church can possibly answer any public purpose; for from Beach Street, which is nearly filled up by M^{r} Rhinelander, to West Street, the distance across to M^{r} Newtons grant, which is also filled up to West Street, is only One hundred feet. That the water, considerably below Washington Street, is already too Shoal for any boats, except small craft; and that should a Slip be here laid out, it will be inaccessible, except by Beach Street, unless the Corporation still further narrow the Sheet of water by building a wharf adjoining M^{r} Newton's ground. It further appears to Your Committee that the trade of the City will require somewhere in this neighbourhood a respectable accommodation, and as the above place is evidently too shoal, and contracted, they take the liberty of suggesting the propriety of building, when convenient, a large and commodious Basin, at the foot of Beach Street, below West Street.

The Committee therefore recommend that it be signified to the Vestry of Trinity Church, who have always so readily co-operated with this Board in every plan for public improvement, that a grant on the usual conditions, will on proper application, be made either to

* Marginal note reads *See P. 334.*—ED.

them or to the purchasers of the Lot so advertised from high water mark to the line of West Street.

All which is submitted

Jan^{y}. 16th 1809. Peter Mesier.
Ja^{s} Drake.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[359] A Report from the Police Office, that Captain Snow had suspended Samuel Jones for being found in a gambling house, was referred to the Watch Committee.

The following reports were presented by the Counsel.

To the Honorable Corporation of the City of New York.

I have examined the annexed *Petition of Anthony Dey, the report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner thereon, as also the several grants referred to in the said report, from all which I am of opinion, that inasmuch as in and by the grant made on the 16th March 1799. to James Homer Maxwell, under whom the Petitioner claims it was covenanted on the part of M^{r} Maxwell to pay the annual rent of Seven Dollars and Eighty seven cents for ever thereafter, and altho' the Petitioner may have complied with the act of the Legislature, by causing the ground to be filled up and levelled as stated in the said petition, whereby he became the owner thereof in fee simple, nevertheless he is bound to comply with the covenants contained on the part of M^{r} Maxwell, One of which is to pay the said quit rent and ought as his assignee to comply therewith.

Jan. 16. 1809. Ja. Woods

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

To the Honorable the Corporation of the City of New York.

The Question referred to the Counsel of the Board, as he supposes, upon the annexed †representation of the Street Commissioner, is whether the persons appointed to make the estimate [360] and assessment of Jay Street as therein stated, having taken the Oath prescribed by the act of the Legislature in that respect, and commenced proceedings by virtue thereof, but thereafter declining or refusing to act further in the premises can be compelled by an order of the Common Council to perfect the object of their appointment.

There being no authority given by the Statute to compel the Assessors to make a report, I am of opinion the Board cannot enforce it, but considering the particular circumstances of the case, it would

* Marginal note reads *See P. 220 237.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 327.*—ED.

be adviseable to obtain a report of the Assessors, if possible, soon; otherwise that new Assessors be appointed in their stead to act in the premises.

Jan^{y} 16. 1809. Ja. Woods.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the *application of Isaac Bronson, reported that the Bond on which payment of interest is demanded, is one of Four given to Mess^{rs} Miller and Baker, for land taken for making Canal Street, without any special condition, other than what appears in said Bond, that the Interest is not payable until the 1st day of August next.

The Street Commissioner presented a Statement of the account between the Corporation and Daniel Woolsey for the pier and L at the foot of Partition Street, and recommended that a warrant should be issued in his favour for $.318.25.

Warr^{t} N° 126. Ordered that a Warrant be issued accordingly.

The Street Commissioner represented that the third instalment for building the blocks and bridges for the Ferry stairs at Vesey Street is due to Mess^{rs} Halsey and Westervelt, and recommended [361] that a Warrant should be issued in their favour for $.700.

Warr^{t} N° 127. Ordered that a warrant be issued accordingly.

The Street Commissioner reported that Isaac Burr appointed Assessor on the Assessment for ground taken to widen Frankfort Street declined serving.

Whereupon John Depeyster was appointed in his place.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from N° 4615 to N° 4632 inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances reported the draft of an Ordinance to regulate Pawnbrokers, which was ordered to lie for consideration.

The consideration of the draft of an Ordinance to provide for sweeping and cleaning the Streets of this city, was postponed.

The following draft of a Memorial to the Legislature, together with a Bill, for the purpose of raising the Sum of $130.000 by Tax, to defray the expenses of this city and county for the ensuing year, was read, approved, ordered to be engrossed and sent to Albany.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 346.*—ED.

To the Honourable the Representatives of the people of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York [362] respectfully showeth;

That they have estimated the Sums necessary to be raised by Tax for the expenses of said City and county for the current year, founded on the actual expenses thereof for the last year, which estimate detailing the particular objects of expense and the sums requisite to defray the same, they have the honour to transmit with this Memorial. From this it appears that for the purpose of defraying the various charges of this City and County for the present Year the sum of $.70.000, will be required; and the further sum of $.60.000 for the maintenance of the poor and for defraying the other contingent charges of said City & County.

Your Memorialists therefore respectfully solicit, that an Act may be passed, authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, to raise the aforesaid Sums upon the estates, real and personal, of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said City.

And Your Memorialists &c[a]

Estimate.

Lamps	20.650.73
Watch	41.591.40
Roads	10.827.85
City Contingencies	5.855.23
Streets	2.036.20½
Alms House	56.699.29
Wells & pumps	5.126.74
County Contingencies	42.188.51½
	184.975.96

Cr

By Tax	120.700.34	
Sales at Auction	18.350.31	
Excise	8.458.13	
		147.508.78
		37.467.18
Since received, Sales at Auction	5556. 2	
Excise	1000.	
		6.556. 2
		$30.911.16

[363] Resolved that respectful Petitions be presented to Congress and the Legislature of the State, representing the insufficient State of the Defence of this City and harbour and requesting further appropriations towards this object.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Defence to prepare and report said Memorials.

*Ordered that the Comptroller report a comparative Statement of the amount of revenue derived from the Sale of manure, under the management of the Supt of Streets, and the former Contractors.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

No	97	Jacob Dela Montagnie, Specl Justice Police		$250.
	98	James Warner do do		145.20
	99	Bernard O'Blenis, Clerk to do		250.
	100	William J. Waldron, Collecr Corpn revenue		364.72
	101	Peter Burtsell, Stationary &c: for City Inspecr & St Commisrs Offices		159.12
	102	Richard Burchan, furnishing list of passengers		25.
	103	Willm L. Rose, taking acknowledgt of deeds		19.37
	104	Fredk Eckert, Carpenters Work for Supt repairs		192.18
	105	James Votey, for lumber, 1806. & 1807		345.25
	106.	Stephen Gould, printing for former Comptroller		75.37
	107	Joseph Burjeau, to pay Constables, apprehending Vagrants		38.
	108	Swords & Hoyt, Cordage &ca for Supt repairs		27.30
	109	John Cruger, for 2 lost Fire Buckets		4.
	110	Issachar Cozins, attending at Collect		36.
	111	Matthew Dikeman, repairs to pumps		45.
	112	James Patten do do		32.92
	113	Edward Tylee do do		57.81
	114	[364] Edward Meeks, Blacksmiths work		101.64
	115	Jas McCurdy, filling intersectn of Street		30.75
	116	Gosman & McComb for paving		367.18
	117	Thos Hazard, for Constables conveying Culprits		136.56
	118	John Bingham Esqr for acct Come of repairs		100.
	119	Leondd Bleecker, for Trustees of Free School Socy		1000.
	120	Jacob Cholwell, on Acct Contract for Lamps		1500.
	121	William Mooney, Supt Alms House	$1000.	
	122	do do	1000.	
	123	do do	1000.	
	124	do do	1000.	
	125	do do	1000.	
				5000.
	126	Daniel Woolsey, for Pier at Partition Street		318.25
	127	Halsey & Westervelt, 3d instalmt for Blocks & Bridges at Vesey Street		700.
			Total	$11.321.62

The Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday the 16th. inst. 4 o'clock P. M. to take into consideration the propriety of applying to the Legislature to appoint Commissioners. for laying out and regulating Canal Street.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 374.*—ED.

[365] In Common Council. Jan^{y} 18th 1809.

Present *Jacob Mott Esquire, Deputy Mayor

Samuel M. Hopkins, Charles Dickinson, James Drake, John Bingham, Mangle Minthorne } Esquires Aldermen.

Messrs Adrian Hegeman, Thomas J. Campbell, Isaac S. Douglass, Jasper Ward, Abram Hoogland, John Drake. } Assistants.

The Board met agreeably to adjournment.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances reported the †draft of a Bill for appointing Commissioners to lay out Canal Street, and for amending the Acts relative to improvements &c^{a} And for regulating Buildings &c^{a} in this city; Which, together with the following Memorial was approved, ordered to be engrossed and to be forwarded to the Mayor, at Albany, to be presented to the Legislature.

To the Honourable the Representatives of the People of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened:

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York respect- [366] fully showeth:

That the regulation of Canal Street is an object of the highest importance to a very large proportion of proprietors of Lots in said city and is attended with greater intricacy and difficulty than are incidental to the improvement of Streets in general.

Your Memorialists therefore respectfully pray that Commissioners may be appointed for the purpose of laying out and regulating said Street at the expense of the parties benefitted, with such powers and subject to such limitations as to the Honourable Legislature may appear expedient.

And Your Memorialists further pray that the Act entitled "An "Act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of Streets and "roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes" passed April 3^{d} 1807. may be so amended as to allow the Commissioners therein mentioned to cut Trees and do damage, where necessary in the execution of their duties and to be protected from action therefor, upon tender of sufficient amends for such damage.

And also that the Act entitled "An Act for regulating the Build- "ings, Streets, Wharves and Slips in the city of New York," passed April 3. 1801. may be so amended, as that no previous payment or

* Marginal note reads *In the absence of the Mayor attending the Legislature at Albany.*—ED.

† Cf. plate following P. 444. Marginal note reads *See Vol. 20. P. 34.*—ED.

tender of money shall be necessary in any leases where any land shall be required for Streets, but that, on complying in other respects with said Act, such land shall vest in Your Memorialists, who will be made liable for the [367] payment of the monies assessed therefor.

And Your Memorialists &c[a]

The Street Commissioner presented a Deed to Benjamin F Haskin for three lots of ground, sold to him the 5th inst. situate in Stanton Street.

Ordered that the same be executed under the Seal of this Corporation and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

[368] In Common Council, Jan[y] 23[d] 1809

Present Jacob Mott, Esquire, Deputy Mayor.

Charles Dickinson James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Mangle Minthorne	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John Slidell John W. Mulligan Adrian Hegeman Isaac S. Douglass Samuel Torbert Jasper Ward Abram Hoogland.	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meetings were read and approved.

A Petition of Cornelius P. Wyckoff, setting forth that on the 31st March 1806. he had given a note, payable at 60 days, for $.133.50. to Henry Remmey for manure had by Peter T. Schenck of Long Island his then partner, who since died insolvent and representing his own situation to be no better, and requesting to be exonerated from paying said Note; was ordered to lie for consideration.

*A Petition of M. Cashman and others lessees of Lots belonging to this Corporation in Chatham Street, representing the inevitable loss they must sustain from the high rate at which they were leased and praying an abatement of the terms; was referred to the Comptroller.

[369] †A Petition of Thomas Tom and Benjamin Ferris praying that a Water grant near the Crane Wharf, ‡directed to be made to Cornelius Van Ranst, the 19th May. 1790, whose right was conveyed by Commissioners of the Estate of said Van Ranst to Gould Hoyt and John Tom and by them to Benjamin Ferris; may be made to said Ferris, was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Michael Hogan for a grant of 5½ feet surplus in

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 387. 409. 416.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report. P. 390. 451. Vol. 20. P. 39.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 9. P. 387.*—Ed.

his water right, extending from N° 52. Greenwich Street in Hudson river; was referred to the Comptroller.

An application of George Janeway for payment of the amount of the Award for ground taken for opening Cross Street—with the interest accruing thereon; was referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances reported the draft of a Bill to be presented to the Legislature, authorising the employment of certain convicts in this city and county; which was approved, ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Mayor at Albany.

*The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of the heirs of Dorothy Riker, reported that the subject falls within the jurisdiction of the Street Commissioner; to whom it was accordingly referred, with directions to report at the next meeting.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

In compliance with the directions of the Committee appointed to examine into the State of [370] the Finances, the Comptroller has the honor of presenting, with the accounts of the last year, a summary statement of such expenses as he thinks will admit of retrenchment.

The City & County of N York is debited on the 31st Decr 1808. with a balle of.....	$53.510.76
The City of N. York is credited, do do.....	12.765.21¼
Leaving a Balle due the Treasr.....	$40.745.54

Since closing the above accounts a return has been received from the City Treasurer of sundry payments on account of Taxes, Excise, Sales at Auction, Water lot rent, Ground rent, Streets, Ferries, Signal Poles, Docks & Slips and Dove Lots; which will necessarily be carried to a new Account for 1809. altho' paid in the former year.

These sums will reduce the amount of appropriations exceeding receipts of Cash during the Year 1808 to.....	$.8240. 8
Amount of Bonds given do	31215.
	39.455. 8
exclusive of annual payments which will become due for new piers, by Contract about.....	5100.25
	$.44.555.33

*Marginal note reads *See P. 356. 391.*—ED.

The Annual revenue of the Corporation is $.50.830.65½. agreeably to the annexed Statement, exclusive of Market fees and Tavern licences, a return of which may be expected in February next. It will be observed that a much larger sum has been received in the course of the last year for Water lot rent, Ground rent, Common lands and Ferries, than the annual income from those sources. This arises in a great measure from the vigilance and activity of the Collector, in effecting a settlement of sundry accounts of many years standing. From a review of the resources of the Corporation which accrue from their permanent revenue; the receipt of [371] a less sum must therefore be calculated upon for the present year than from the past. Perhaps the diminution will be about one half. The amount of Excise, Duties on Sale at Auction and the Taxes already collected are nearly similar to those of last year. The urgent necessity which exists for a rigid attention to economy in the application of the funds of the Corporation and the propriety of curtailing many expenses which may be dispensed with, compatible with the public welfare, has induced the Comptroller to submit, with all respect, the subjoined statement. Previous however to entering into the various particulars, he would take the liberty of pointing out a mode of procedure, at present established, which requires attention.

At almost every meeting of the Board, applications are made, either in writing or through a member, for Warrants to be passed in favour of one or more of the Departments under the control of the Corporation, without an accurate knowledge of the sums payable, or the amount of cash in the Treasury. It therefore not unfrequently happens, that larger appropriations are made, than the actual state of the funds will justify, and embarrassments arise to the holders of warrants for want of payment.

To remedy this defect, it is respectfully suggested, Whether all applications for money should not be made through the Comptrollers office, by a fixed [sum] previous to the meeting of the Board. It could then be ascertained from the Books, what proportion might with propriety, be paid to each application, having a reference also to the State of the Treasury. By this means there would not be so many warrants afloat unsatisfied, as there have been [372] frequently, to the injury of the credit of the Corporation.

The following retrenchments that are thought necessary at this time, are arranged under the following heads. Under the charge of County Contingencies are comprised many particulars too numerous to bring forward. Those included in City Contingencies embrace dis-

bursements for Engines, Watch houses, Engine houses and lost Fire-buckets.

Watch. From the Year 1803. to 1808 the annual amount of this Department has increased.....	$.22.937.72
During the last year the increase has been.....	$.8364.20
In December 1807. the number of Watchmen on duty, besides the Captain & Assistant were, 121. at present there are 155. increase 34. The reduction to the former number, will diminish the expense for a year, should the Committee think proper to lessen the number....	$8687.
Roads. This department might lessen.....	7000.
Lamps. As the Contractor is bound to make all repairs, there will probably be a reduction since last year of.....	2000.
New Engines. It is understood that no more will be wanted at present	1840.
Collect. Appropriations for the Collect having nearly ceased, the sum last year expended was $7597. but a small amount will probably be laid out this year.....	7597.
Constables & Marshals. An order having been passed for suspending payment for Sunday Service, this charge will diminish about..	700.
The number employed at Elections, agreeably to the contemplated reduction, will retrench about.....	500.
[373] Powder for Military. If a specific sum should be appropriated for this purpose as proposed, the calculation may be.....	500.
Workmen employed by Superintendant of repairs, and the purchase of Paints and Glass for public purposes, may take off.....	1600.
New City Hall. The contemplated plan of proceeding with this Building till under cover, will necessarily incur an expense which cannot with precision be defined.	
Alms House and Bridewell. These establishments cannot with propriety be restricted to any specific sum, but must depend on judicious management.	
Streets. This department being under the control of the Street Commissioner, any regulation therewith connected will more peculiarly come under his observation: but as pavements around the Markets have been thoroughly repaired, probably a very considerable reduction in expense will take place.	
Docks and Slips. As it is supposed that no more Piers will be built the present year the expenses under this head will decrease.....	21.193.75
Total reduction	$51.617.75

It may in general be remarked, that the fiscal concerns of the Corporation, could by a prudential arrangement and proper attention in incurring expenses, be so regulated, as to create an income derived

from various sources, amply sufficient to meet the ordinary demands, without the necessity of recurring to Loans

G. N. Bleecker.

Jan^{y} 23^{d} 1809. Compt^{r}

[374] NB. Since the completion of the foregoing Report, the Sum of $5000. has been received from the Mayor, on account of Market fees and Tavern licences, the Annual Amount for both will probably be about Seven Thousand Dollars.

Annual Income.

Water Lot rent	$.6119.69½
Ground rent	5558.92
House rent	3487.50
Common Lands	2284.54
Ferries	7130.
Manhattan Stock	9000.
Docks and Slips	17250.
	50.830.65½
Tavern licences & Market fees, ab^{t}	7.000.
	$57.830.65½

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on the State of the Finances.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

*Agreeably to an Order of the Board passed the 16th inst. the Comptroller has the honor of presenting a comparative Statement of the amount of revenue derived from the Sale of manure under the management of the Sup^{t} of Streets and the former contractors.

On the 15th. March 1806 Contracts were entered into with Crane & Hutchins for the

1st 2^{d} & 3^{d} Districts	$.2500.
" Dobbs & Denike for 4th & 5th d^{o}	700.
" Bogert & Parker " 5th d^{o}	210.
	3410.

Expenses

Enos Tompkins was paid for Bell Carts	$.617.	
W^{m} P. Roome d^{o} for Sweeping	835.62.	
		1452.62

* Marginal note reads *See P. 363. 404.*—ED.

[375] 3. Mud machines were employed which cost	2817.56		
Paid Luke Persiany care *care* of d°	85.46		
	2903. 2		
deduct for horses, repairs &c[a] about	721.60		
	2181.42		
Expence of One Mud Machine ⅓		727.14	
			2179.76
Net profits to the Corporation under the Contractors...			$1230.24

Stephen Hitchcock commenced the 16th March 1807. which is the date of his Bond, as Superintendant. His Acc[t] was settled to the 1st March 1808. and left a ballance due the Corporation which was paid into the Treasury, after deducting the expense of One Mud Machine and all other expenses..... $778.61

Outstanding Debts 1230.20

$.2008.81

From a comparative view of the profits derived from each system, in 1806 and 1807. it appears that if there is deducted from those outstanding debts, the sum at present not collected thereon, which is said to be about $.200. the difference will be upwards of $500. in favour of the present establishment.

From a statement lately received, there was a ballance due for manure on the 31st Dec[r] 1808 of $.3109.8. upon which a credit has been given; of which sum $.2000 will become due by July next.

respectfully submitted.

Jan. 23[d] 1809. G. N. Bleecker, Compt[r]

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on farming out Streets.

[376] The Street Commissioner reported that Adolph Degrove who had been appointed to collect the monies remaining due on Cross Street, had not signed the Bonds nor given the necessary security: Whereupon

Lewis Angevine was appointed Collector in his place.

*The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board, that the day previous to that named in the advertisement in the public

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 435.*—ED.

papers for the Sale of the Vacant Lots in Stanton Street, Mr John R. Murray advanced the sum assessed upon the two Lots designated in the enclosed Map, by the letters D & E. upon the presumption they belonged to the Widows Society to whom they were assessed, as the reputed owners.

It has however been lately, and upon a more particular investigation, discovered that the said lots do not belong to that Society. That they own but two lots of ground, and they are situate in Pitt Street some distance north of Stanton.

Mr Murray very naturally applies for a correction of the mistake, and as he advanced the money from pure motives of humanity towards the Society and upon the presumption the information contained in the Assessment was correct; he considers himself justly entitled to a reimbursement of the money.

The Street Commissioner stated to Mr Murray that arrangements had been made with Mr Livingston, in a case not very dissimilar to his, for the sale of Lots in the same Assessment, upon which he has also advanced money. That this Sale was to take place on the 20th Feby and that advertisements would soon be prepared for that purpose. That if the [377] Corporation would consent, the lots upon which he had advanced, might be included in the same advertisement, with which delay and arrangement he is perfectly content.

The Street Commissioner considers this the best method of correcting the error and of doing justice to Mr Murray, particularly as the owners of the said Lots, are unknown, and recommends the following Order.

"Ordered that the Street Commr include in the advertisement for the sale of Janet Montgomerys lots in Stanton Street, the two lots assessed to the Widows Society, as it appears that the said Lots do not belong to the said Society; but to some person or persons unknown to this Corporation."

Which is respectfully submitted

Jan. 23d 1809. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Bingham Messrs Torbert and Hegeman.

*The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving Thomas Street and part of Hudson Street, amounting to $.966.

Ordered that notice of the same be published in the papers employed by this Board, and that 50 handbills be placed up in Thomas and Hudson Streets for the information of the parties concerned.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 391.*—ED.

On the report and recommendation of the Street Commissioner

Warr^{t} N° 139. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Daniel Woolsey for $564.50. for the ball^{e} due on the L at Partition Street Pier.

Warr^{t} N° 140. And in favour of Isaac Halsey, for $625. for the ball^{e} due on the Pier & L at Jay Street.

[378] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances, for the purpose of correcting nuisances, from N° 4633. to N° 4645.

Ordered that the same do pass.

A Report from the Police Office, that Capt^{n} Snow has suspended James Ewing, for intoxication; and that

Cap^{t} Darling had suspended Duncan M^{c}Donnel, for sleeping on his post: were referred to the Watch Committee.

Alderman Wood informed the Board, that Andrew Hegeman, late Collector of the 8th Ward was dead.

Whereupon Ordered that an Election be held, on Tuesday the 7th day of February next, at Thomas Roswells, in Crosby Street, for a Collector in his place and Peter H. Wendover Gilbert Coutant and Joseph Watkins were appointed Inspectors.

M^{r} Torbert moved, that the *Petition of this Board of the 16th Feb^{y} 1807. for allowing a Salary to the Mayor, in lieu of Fees, be revived and sent to the Legislature:

Whereupon said Petition was read.

Alderman Drake moved, that the subject be referred to a Special, Committee to report thereon, and also on the propriety of including the Recorder and Clerk of the City and County in said Petition: which was carried.

M^{r} Torbert moved that the Committee consist of a member from each ward; which was lost.

[379] It was then moved and carried that a Committee of Five be appointed, with instructions to report at the next †meeting:

Whereupon Aldermen Bingham Drake Minthorne Dickinson and M^{r} Ward were appointed said Committee.

Alderman Drake offered the following resolutions which were passed.

Resolved that the Committee appointed on the opening of Amity Street be discharged and that a new Committee be appointed to report to this Board all the facts in relation to said Street, and their opinion what ought further to be done by this Board.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 16 P. 309.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 386.*—Ed.

Whereupon, Alderman Bingham Drake and Mr Mulligan were appointed said Committee.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner take measures to present to this Board a Map of all the Corporation grounds situate at and adjacent to the Collect.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner with all possible dispatch lay before this Board such *information as he has respecting the situation of high water mark on the Hudson river on the West side of this city, from the Battery to the State Prison.

Ordered that the Map of this State belonging to this Board, be applied to the use of the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell; and that the Clerk provide another Map of this Board.

[380] John M. Bloodgood, Currier, Frankfort St 52. 4th Ward, was appointed Fireman of No 12. vice Barzillai Deming, resigned: the Chief Engineer certifying a corresponding vacancy.

Ordered that the Deputy Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 128.	Capt Nichs Lawrence, City Watch.....	$276.36	
129	" Wm Van Wart, do	276.36	
130	" Wm Peterson do	256.76	
131	" James Snow do	256.76	
132	" Thomas Darling do	276.36	
133	" Isaac Anderson do	276.36	
			1618.96
134	John L. Van Kleeck, Exr of Isaac Torboss, decd for painting & glazing.....		86.25
135	Luke Torboss, for do		65.42
136	John McKenzie, Keeper of Pottersfield, Saly.....		61.
137	Corns Brinckerhoof, for Chambers for Pumps.....		90.
138	Henry Van Pelt, Assest for repaving at Catherine Market..		430.44
139	Daniel Woolsey, balle for L at Partition St.....		564.50
140	Isaac Halsey do do & Pier at Jay St.....		625.
	Total.....		$3.541.57

Thomas O'Neil, Weighmaster. was admitted a Freeman of this City, and took the Oath prescribed.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 393.*—ED.

[381] In Common Council, Feb^{y} 6. 1809.

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Recorder.

Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John Slidell	Assistants.
Samuel M. Hopkins		John W. Mulligan	
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood		Isaac S. Douglass	
Mangle Minthorne		Samuel Torbert	
		Jasper Ward	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Walter Allen, Contractor for building the piers between Exchange & Coenties Slips to be relieved from the damages awarded against him on account of said Contract and likewise to be compensated for materials and extra work at said Piers over and above his contract was referred to the Committee on Wharves Slips and Piers.

A Petition of Elizabeth Crawbuck widow of Crawbuck late Butcher deceased, setting for[th] her extreme indigence and praying that she may be permitted to keep a butchers stand in the upper part of Broadway, was referred to the Market Committee.

[382] *A Petition of Robert Cuthbert to be permitted to sell meat by the quarter in the lower Flymarket, was referred to the Market Committee.

An Affidavit of Christian Truse that John Rhodes had paid Nicholas Boyce Twenty five Dollars for exchanging stalls in the Flymarket was referred to the same Committee.

A Communication from Captain Whiley, Commandant of Fort Columbus, representing that the convicts sentenced to hard labour on the Fortifications were destitute of shoes and pantaloons and consequently incapable, at this inclement season, of performing any service on the public works, and requesting that said Articles may be immediately supplied; was referred to the Commiss^{rs} of the Alms House and Bridewell with directions to comply with the requisition.

†A Petition of Edward M^{c}Ginn stating that he was partner of James Hogan for paving South and Thomas Streets: That said Hogan has absconded and left a power of Attorney with John M^{c}-Cuskey to receive the monies due on the assessments on said Streets:

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 434.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 421.*—Ed.

That he is responsible to the workmen employed, and therefore prays that the Assessment on Thomas Street, and the monies still due for South Street, may be paid to him; was referred to the Street Commissioner.

*A Petition of Lawrence Heyer, proposing to submit to Arbitrators, the Controversy between him and this Board on the subject of rent due for the Lot leased by him, for which a suit has been commenced was referred to the Attorney.

†A Petition of Belinda Smith for remission of the penalty incurred for selling liquor without licence was also referred to the Attorney.

[383] A Petition of the inhabitants for Lamps in Wooster Street, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

‡A Petition of John Stephens & others that certain vacant sunken Lots in Spring Street may be filled up, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward.

‖A Petition of Caspar Krapff to be appointed City Surveyor, was referred to the Committee on applications.

§A Petition of John Remmey remonstrating against the Assessment on Cross Street, as far as regards himself, was referred to Aldermen Bingham Hopkins and Drake.

¶An application of William Ogden and John R. Murray for a grant of the Soil under water in Hudson river, from the North corner of Beach Street extending northerly 100. feet; was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Gilbert Van Mater for a water grant at Brooklyn between high and low water mark, to the eastward of the lot he at present occupies, was referred to the Ferry Committee and Comptroller.

An application of William Woods, Marshal, for payment for attendance at the new Battery at Hubert Street, on Sundays, was referred to the Comptroller.

**An application of Stryker & Dikeman for payment for lighting the public Lamps at Brooklyn Ferry Stairs Long Island, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

[384] ††A Petition signed by a large number of Citizens in the Several Wards of this City, setting forth,

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* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 409.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 420.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 408.*—ED. ‖ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 20 P. 49.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 20. P. 26.*—ED. ¶ Marginal note reads *See. Vol. 20 P. 39.*—ED. ** Marginal note reads *See Report P. 418.*—ED. †† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 406.*—ED.

"That in consideration of the severity of the Season, and the "peculiar distresses that at this time afflict the poor and labouring "classes of the community, a number of Citizens had lately assembled, "in pursuance of public notice, and appointed a Committee to collect "donations for the relief, principally though not wholly, of those of "the poor whose distress does not usually obtrude itself upon the "public. That in the prosecution of this object, it has appeared to "the Committee, that difficulties might arise in distributing relief from "different sources, wholly independent of each other; and that it "would be more eligible, that the whole public charity should be under "the direction of this Board, as the general guardians and almoners "of the City, but to be distributed with the aid of such impartial citi- "zens as shall be appointed for the purpose. And as extraordinary "funds will be requisite for the occasion, respectfully suggesting the "expediency of applying to the honourable the Legislature for a "special tax to reimburse the advances which may be wanted: and "which advances they hope will be made by this Corporation, or pro- "cured from the public banks":

Was referred to the Finance Committee.

On application of the Building Committee

Warrants

N° 156 Ordered that three several Warrants for $1000. each, be
157 issued in favour of John H. Sickles.
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The Deputy Mayor informed the Board that Peter H. Wendover, appointed, at the last meeting, Inspector of an Election for a Collector in the 8th Ward [385] had resigned and that he had appointed Abraham Labagh in his place.

The Mayor informed the Board that the Tax Bill had passed, and that the Bills for Canal Street and employing Convicts were before the Legislature.

An Estimate, by John McComb Junr the Architect of the Sum requisite for carrying on the work of the New City Hall, from this time to the first of December next, with a view to roofing the Building in the course of the ensuing season, amounting to $.68.065. was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

Reports from the Police Office that Captain Lawrence had suspended John Randell for intoxication, and that Capt Snow had suspended William Bodwa, for accepting a bribe, were referred to the Watch Committee.

A Report of Captain Van Wart on the State of the Lamps in the First District, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Report of the Committee on the *Petition of John P. Waldron to be permitted to keep a Hay Scales at Harlem, in favour of the Petitioner, was read and referred back to the same Committee to enquire into and report a statement of facts as respects the conduct of William Brady the present keeper of the Hay Scales at that place.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the †petition of the Inhabitants of Walker Street, praying the opening said Street

Report

That they have examined into the obstructions [386] in said Street, and find that at present there is one Brick front house and one lot with an old Stable that is any interruption to the Street being carried through, and Your Committee are of opinion that it would tend to the beauty and health of that part of the city to have the same opened, and if done at present, will prevent a great expense, which otherwise would accrue and that proper measures be taken according to law to have the same opened.

Feb. 6th 1809.

John Bingham
Thos J. Campbell.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

The ‡Committee appointed by this Board with directions to fix a certain Sum as a Salary to the Mayor of this City, to be inserted in a petition to the Legislature of this State, in lieu of all wages, rewards, perquisites and profits enjoyed or belonging to the said office

Report

That having taken the same into consideration the sum of be inserted in said petition as a permanent salary.

That the sum of be fixed for the Salary of the Recorder.

And that the sum of be fixed for the Clerk of the City and County of New York.

Febr 6th 1809.

John Bingham
Jas Drake
Mangle Minthorn
Jasper Ward.

Ordered that the same be referred back to the same Committee.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 310.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 356.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 378.*—Ed.

[387] The Comptroller presented the following Report.

*The Comptroller has the honor to report on the Petition of M. Cashman and others, lessees of lots of ground fronting on Chatham Street, stating sundry hardships attending the renewing and taking out their leases, and annexing a statement of the loss which will accrue during the term.

The Committee to whom was referred the several petitions praying for a reduction of ground rent in Chatham Street, reported on the 14th September 1807. as their opinion "that the present ground "rent of Two hundred and fifty Dollars on lots of Thirty feet on the "South side of Chatham Street, ought to remain and that it be a fixed "rule for the Comptroller to lease, till otherwise directed by the "Board, all such Lots as the Leases thereof shall expire on the South "east side of Chatham Street, at the yearly rent of Two hundred and "Fifty Dollars generally And on the Northwest side of said Street "from the Arsenal to Barley Street at the yearly rent of Two Hun-"dred Dollars."

This Report was confirmed by the Board.

Previous to the above report, leases were given to the following persons.

John Hibberd 1. May. 1806. Lot N° 105. Chatham Street, 21. Years at $.250. transferred by permission of the Board 7th March 1808. to Michael Cashman.

John Delamater, Lot 116. same terms, now Edward Dartnells.

Leonard Goetz. Lot 114. d°

John Brinckley, half of Lot 118. d° for $125.

[388] In the Spring of 1808, the following petitioners executed leases from the 1st May 1808 for 21. Years at the rate of $.250. per annum.

Mary Hazen Lot 114 & part of 115

Patience Bonnett. " 113

Court Went " 112

James Langley, part of 101.

Agreeably to an Order of Common Council passed 18th April last, directing the Comptroller to advertise Lots N° 11 & 12. on the North west side of Chatham Street to be leased at Auction from the 1st May following for the term of twenty one years he accordingly leased the same in the manner prescribed, one at Two hundred and Thirty Dollrs the other at Two hundred and Forty Dollars per an. which was

* Marginal note reads *See P. 368 409. 416.*—ED.

Seventy Dollars more than the rent stipulated by the report of the Committee in September.

Having stated these facts for the information of the Board, it rests with them to determine whether any and what relief ought to be granted to the petitioners.

respectfully submitted.

Feb. 6th 1809. G. N. Bleecker.
Comptr

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Bingham Messrs Douglass and Torbert.

The Comptroller has the honor to report, that the Leases of the following Lots of ground will expire on the First of May next.

No 32. Barrack Street (now Tryon Row) 24 feet by 100. leased to Christopher Feigenheim. The guardians of the Orphan Children will
Fifty Dollars.
give $50. per. an. for Ten Years.

[389] No 34. Augustus Street, 30 feet wide 88½ feet in length on the Northeast and 67½ feet on the South west side, under lease to John Striker. The guardian to the heirs of this Estate offers to renew the Lease for Ten Years at Fifty Dollars per annum.

No 24. Augustus Street, 25 feet by 96. formerly leased to William Smith, and now occupied by John Downing.

No 25 adjoining the above, of the same dimensions, occupied by the Widow of Francis Spicer.

The two last mentioned leases expired in 1806. and were not renewed under the supposition that they would be wanted for extending Chamber Street through to Chatham Street. But as this plan will not be accomplished in all probability till the expiration of the Leases of other Lots some of which have 17. Years to come, it would be adviseable to lease them for about ten years.

The occupants of these premises will give Thirty Dollars each per ann. if the Common Council thinks proper to let them have them.

The Board will be pleased to make an order as to the mode of disposing of the above described Lots of ground, whether at public or private Sale, and if the latter, the price and term of years.

Respectfully submitted

Feb. 6th 1809. G. N. Bleecker, Comptr

Ordered that the same be referred to the preceding Committee.

*The Comptroller reported that the term for which the Ferry at Horns Hook was taken will expire on the First of May next.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 449.*—ED.

That the lot of ground occupied by John Moore near the Arsenal in Chatham Street has been [390] rented annually for $137.50. He submitted to the discretion of the Board whether it would be proper to continue the rent at this sum, until the adjacent ground belonging to the Corporation shall be disposed of.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee.

*The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Tom and Benjamin Ferris soliciting a grant of a Water lot on the Southerly side of Front Street near the Crane Wharf;

Reported that he has had the same under consideration and finding from the tenor of the application, some circumstances which require a Solution previous to issuing a grant, he recommended that the subject be referred to the Counsel of the Board for his explanation in writing, in order that the objections which occur may be satisfactorily explained before a grant is made out; which was confirmed.

†The following Communication was presented by the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to lay before the Board his Account Current with the Corporation accompanied with such statements and Vouchers as were deemed proper to elucidate the debits and credits of the said Account.

As there are a number of items in the account with which the present Comptroller is unacquainted, it is his desire as well as the particular wish of the undersigned, that a Committee be appointed to unite with the Comptroller to examine the vouchers and statements and to sanction the account if found right

which is respectfully submitted

Feb. 6. 1809. John S. Hunn.

[391] Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Bingham Messrs Slidell, and Campbell.

The Street Commissioner presented again the ‡Assessment for repaving Thomas Street and part of Hudson Street, having advertised it agreeably to the directions of the Board, and had received no objections against it.

Whereupon said Assessment was confirmed and Henry Van Pelt was appointed Collector.

||The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for repairing the Wharf along South Street from Wall Street to Burling Slip.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 369. 451. See Vol. 20. P. 39.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 409.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 377.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 410.*—ED.

Ordered that the same be advertised for the information of the parties interested.

*The Street Commissioner represented that it will be necessary, previous to a final settlement with Walter Allen, respecting the Piers at Coenties and Exchange Slips, that the amount for his extra work should be ascertained and as this cannot be better done than by a reference, he recommends that the Board appoint on their part John Anderson, who has superintended the work, to unite with any other person Mr Allen may appoint for that purpose. This plan meets with the approbation of Mr Allen who is anxious to close the account.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the Committee on Wharves Slips and Piers.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

†The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Communication from the Heirs of Dorothy [392] Riker and the report of the Comptroller thereon has the honor to report:

That the Common Council for the purpose of opening a free passage to the head of Burling Slip, required the ground of John Riker and Simeon & Rem Remsen, upon some part of which stood a Black Smiths Shop, supposed to belong to the said Riker; and not being able to treat with the proprietors for the said ground, caused a Jury to be impannelled, agreeably to law, who after viewing the premises awarded to

John Riker for ground	$3000
" for Shop	75
Simeon & Rem Remsen for ground	3000
Making a sum of	$.6075.

in part represented in the communication.

The Street Commissioner further reports that the Corporation by an arrangement made with Mr George Codwise Junr who purchased of them the rights and interests they possessed along the said Burling Slip, obtained of the said Codwise his Bond for $.3000. which was understood to be part of the award of the Jury and intended to be deducted from the sum to be assessed upon the people to raise the money to pay off the said award; and that afterwards the Corporation caused an assessment to be made, directing the Assessors to consider the Bond of Codwise as so much paid thereon.

The Assessment was accordingly made and the credits thereon,

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 20. P. 5.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 356. 369. 419.*—ED.

besides the small contingent expenses of Surveying, assessing and Collecting stand thus.

To John Riker for ground	$.3000.
dº for shop	75.
S. & R. Remsen for ground	3000.
Corporation for Costs	190.34
Amounting to	$6265.34
[393] Of the above Sum, the Corporation was charged with Codwise's Bond, since received	$3000.
Assessed to them	1127.40
	4127.40.
Leaving the sum of	2137.94
to be collected on the Assessment	$6265.34
The Street Commissioner further reports, that Simon Ackerman, who was the original Collector, paid in Cash and settled with the Corporation, the sum of	$967.76
And that William Dustan, who collected upon the return of Ackerman paid and settled the residue of the Assessment	1170.18
Making as above stated	$2137.94

So that all the money due to Remsen and Riker upon the awards has been paid to the Corporation. The Street Commissioner has never heard that any part of their demands have been discharged, he believes the whole is still due; but of this the Comptroller is of course the proper judge.

It belongs more particularly to the Counsel of the Board to inform, whether the claimants are entitled to interest on their demand from the date of the award.

Which is respectfully submitted

Febʸ 6. 1809. John. S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Counsel and Comptroller.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner in compliance with a *resolution of the Board of the 23ᵈ Ultº directing him with all possible despatch to lay before the Board such information, as he has. respecting the situation [394] of high water mark on the Hudson river from the Battery to the State prison, has the honor to

Report that not being informed as to the particular views of the Corporation *is* [in] requesting this information, it is difficult for him

* Marginal note reads *See P. 379.*—Ed.

to frame it in such manner as to meet any contingent circumstance that may occur. No part of the Resolution States whether the information shall be general whether it shall be confined to particular points, or whether it shall include all the corners of the intersecting Streets.

To give a particular statement of the former line of High Water mark, from the Battery to Partition Street, would be a work of considerable magnitude and uncertainty as reference therefor must be had to all the grants first issued within that distance, that could be found recorded in the Comptrollers Office; from Partition Street to Lispenards meadows, would be much easier; and from thence to the State prison embraces no difficulty as recent Surveys upon which the grants have been founded are in possession of the public offices.

A general description of original high water may be found more correctly delineated on Ratzers Map of the City of New York, a copy of which is in the Office of the S^{t} Comm^{r}, as far as Partition Street, than from any other document ever presented to the view of the Subscriber, or in possession of the Corporation. This Map was made in 1767. when that portion of the City was but little built upon, and distinctly portrays the line of low water and in many places high water, where the shore has been left in a State of nature.

A Map in the possession of Trinity Church made in or about the year 1783, Copy of which is filed in the Office of the Subscriber, pretty distinctly delineates [395] the line of high water along the property of Trinity Church from Partition Street to the extremity of Anthony Lispenards possessions, and is the best evidence we have of the original position of high water within that distance: And the recent surveys of M^{r} Loss to ascertain high water mark along the Hudson fronting the property purchased by M^{r} Astor of the Corporation of Trinity Church, have established the line of high water mark within that district.

If the Board be desirous of more particular information they will be pleased to signify it by more particular instructions.

All which is respectfully submitted

Feb^{y} 6th 1809 John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be referred to M^{r} Mulligan Alderman Drake and M^{r} Hegeman.

The City Inspector presented the following Report.

The City Inspector has the honour to report, that, agreeably to Law, he has received returns from the Chief Engineer of the Names

and places of abode of the several Members composing the Fire Department of this city, whose number appears as follows.

			201
Engineers	7	Fire Company No 7	15
Fire Wardens	54	8	30
Fire Company No 1	24	9	18
2	24	10	23
3	32	11	22
4	16	12	24
5	24	13	24
6	20	14	24
	201		381
			283
[396] Fire Company No 15	27	No 26	30
16	24	27	20
17	24	28	12
18	24	29	24
19	22	30	18
20	20	31	16
21	18	32	25
22	24	33	10
23	22	34	22
24	30	35	10
25	48	Floating Engine	40
		Brot Over	381
	283		891
		Hook & Ladder No 1	18
		" 2	18
			36
			927

Recapitulation

Engineers	7
Fire Wardens	54
Fire Engine Men	830
Hook & Ladder	36
Total	927
The total number in the last annual report was	869
Increase of Firemen in the course of last year	58

Which is respectfully submitted.

Feby 6th 1809. John Pintard. C. I.

Ordered that the same be published in the papers employed by this Board.

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board furnish the Clerk of the City and County with the names of such Firemen as have or may resign, to be returned to the Jury boxes.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances, for the purpose of correcting Nuisances, from N° 4643. to 4669. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

[397] Alderman Mott offered the following Resolutions, which were passed.

Resolved that the Lamp Committee report the total number of Lamps in this city, designating the number in each respective Ward and enumerating the new lamps set up, and in which Ward, in the course of the last year: And that said Committee report whenever a new Lamp shall hereafter be set up and the period at which the same shall commence to be lighted by the Contractor.

*Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs report the total number of public pumps in this city, designating the number in each respective Ward and enumerating the new wells and pumps which have been made in each Ward respectively since his last report: And that he report whenever the prayer of any petition, referred in future, for a new Well and pump, in the several Wards, shall be granted.

Alderman Drake offered the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell be advised if they should think the emergency demands it, to increase the amount of rations, not exceeding one third, to the out door poor.

M^r Ward offered the following resolution which was passed.

Resolved that the Building Committee report their estimate, at the next meeting of this Board, of the probable expense of the New City Hall for the ensuing Year.

[398] John T. Duryee, Fire Warden of the 2^d Ward having removed; on the recommendation of the other Fire Wardens of the said Ward.

John Vernon, was appointed in his place.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 22.

Nathaniel Ward, Ship Carpenter, 18. Lombard, 7^th Ward, v. Ja^s M^cBain res^d

Francis Secor d° Lombard & Montg^y d° v. David Wilson res^d

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 412.*—ED.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

Nº 141.	Captᵗ Lawrence, City Watch	$276.36.	
142	" William Van Wart, dº	276.36	
143	" William Peterson, dº	256.76	
144	" James Snow dº	256.76	
145	" Thomas Darling dº	276.36	
146	" Isaac Anderson dº	276.36	
			1618.96
147	James Hardie, Assistᵗ City Inspecʳ Salary		62.50
148	Andrew Otterson dº Sᵗ Comʳ dº		52.
149	Edward Moran dº dº dº		52.
150	William Willess, Coroner. Fees		70.92
151	Wᵐ P. Roome, keeper Pottersfield, Salary		31.
152	Charles Loss, for Surveying		17.50
153	Danˡ H. Magie, for earth for drain in Chapel Street		8.44
154	James L. Jaycock's repairs to Pumps		78.56
155	William Kay, dº to Wells		130.87
156	John H. Sickles, on Accᵗ Building Commᵉ	$1000	
157	dº dº	1000	
158	dº dº	1000	
			3000.
	Total		$5.122.75

[399] In Common Council. Febʸ 13ᵗʰ 1809.

Present De Witt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor.

Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor.	Esquires Aldermen	Messʳˢ John Slidell	Assistants.
Peter Mesier		John W. Mulligan	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Adrian Hegeman	
James Drake		Thomas J. Campbell	
John Bingham		Isaac S. Douglass	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
Mangle Minthorne		Jasper Ward	
		John Drake.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board having made their quarterly visitation of the Alms House and Bridewell proceeded to business.

*A Petition of Isaac Todd for remission of the penalty incurred for selling liquors without licence, was referred to the Attorney.

†A Petition of William Mooney butcher, for a grant of the stand Nº 8. in Duane Market when relinquished by Robert Cuthbert, was referred to the Market Committee.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 420.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See dº P. 434.*—Ed.

[400] *An Application of Benjamin Aycrigg and others that a Committee may be appointed to investigate into the eligibility of Mr Hegeman elected Collector for the 8th Ward, on the presumption that [he] was neither Freeholder nor Householder in said ward at the time of his Election; was referred to Aldermen Minthorne Hopkins and Mr Campbell.

A Petition of the residents and proprietors of houses in Thomas Street, requesting the interposition of this Board to check the irregular and licentious conduct of certain keepers of houses of ill fame amounting to the number of in said Street, was referred to Aldermen Mesier Bingham and Mott.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Harlem, praying that an additional Hay Scales may be erected at that place was granted, and

John P. Waldron was appointed to keep the same.

An Application of the Proprietors of Hamilton Square, that the ground reserved at that place, may be appropriated for the purpose of erecting an Episcopal Church, was referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

An invitation was received from Mr Thomas Pope to view a model of his patent Bridge; and the Board agreed to visit him for the purpose on Friday next, 12 o'clock, of which the Clerk is directed to give him notice.

A Communication was received from Richard Riker Esqr District Attorney, representing that altho' the present Court of Sessions has disposed of [401] nearly Seventy Indictments, a considerable number remain which ought to be tried:

Whereupon Ordered that a Special Court of Sessions for this city and County be held the 23d instant.

The Mayor presented an authenticated Copy of the Act to enable the Corporation of this City to raise monies by Tax; which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Mayor presented the following certificates from the Comptroller of the State, which were ordered to be entered in the Minutes.

State of New York)
Comptrollers Office)

I hereby Certify that it appears from the Books in this Office that the Sum of Seventy eight Dollars and Eighty five cents is due for arrears of Quit rent on the following patents. Vizt

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 417.*—Ed.

Charter granted to the City of New York 27th April 1686.....	$24.
Royal Charter granted 15th Jan. 1730.....	46.87
Patent granted to the City of New York for land on Nassau Island, 19th April, 1708.....	7.98
	$.78.85

Which sum the proprietors of the said Land are hereby directed to pay to the Treasurer of this State.

And I do further certify that the annual Quit rent charged or reserved on the said Land amounts to Six Dollars Thirty seven & an half cents

Albany 25. January. 1809
Archd McIntyre.
Comptr

	Arrears,	$78.85
	Com.	
1.	Tract.	24.
2.	"	45
3.	"	7.50
		$155.35

[402] Treasurer's Office
State of New York

Received from the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York Seventy eight Dollars and Eighty five cents; the amount of the quit rent above specified.

Archd McIntyre
Comptr

Albany 25th January. 1809
David Thomas.
Treasr

Treasurers Office
State of New York

I certify that the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York have this day paid the arrears of quit rent on the following patents, vizt

Charter granted to the City of New York 27th April 1686.

Royal Charter granted 15th Jany 1730.

And the Patent granted to the City of New York for land on Nassau Island, 19th April 1708.

And the annual Quit rent, charged or reserved on the said lands being Six Dollars thirty seven and a half cents as appears by a certificate of the Comptroller, and that the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty have commuted for the same quit rent on the said lands by paying into the Treasury for the use of the people of this State,

Seventy six Dollars and fifty cents in discharge of the said quit rent pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided.

$.76.50 Albany. 25th Janv. 1809.

Archd McIntyre, Compt[r] David Thomas. Treas[r]

On representation by the Mayor,

Ordered that the Clerk provide Three Maps of this City and Three Copies of the Charter, and [403] forward the same to Albany for the use of the Three Branches of the Legislature of this State.

The following presentment was received and ordered to be published.

The Grand Inquest of the City and County of New York

Present

That the great number of Pawnbrokers and the unrestrained manner in which they conduct themselves, have become a source of serious and alarming mischief.

By this means a strong temptation is held out to servants to steal the property of their masters, and what is still more to be regretted, Apprentices and Young persons are induced to commit embezzlements and thefts from the facility with which they may dispose of the fruits of their crimes.

The Grand Inquest particularly present that Benjamin Gomez, by providing separate passages, whereby that business may be carried on with the greatest secrecy, and by giving notice thereof in the public papers, deserves their pointed censure, because, in the opinion of the Grand Inquest, it extends security to knaves and openly encourages the most dishonest practices.

The Grand Inquest further present as a source of great and incalculable depravity the Insurance of Lottery Tickets, inasmuch as it introduces a system of the most pernicious and extensive gambling: the more demoralizing, because it accommodates itself to the circumstances of all and invites thereby every class of citizens to engage in it: the more ruinous, because it tempts the unthinking and unwary to become the dupes of its seduction: the more abandoned and profligate because the [404] iniquitous advantage of the Insurer is reduced to certainty by Arithmetical calculation.

The Grand inquest submit to the wisdom of the Court whether some legislative regulations could not be made to restrain those increasing evils, and whether it does not demand the serious attention of the public functionaries.

Isaac Lawrence, Foreman.

Alderman Drake represented that with a view to accommodate the Superintendant of the Alms House he had advanced, on the 15th Decr last, $5000—for a warrant issued by this Board to said Superintendant, which the Treasurer had not been enabled, as yet, to discharge: and that he was willing to accept a Bond from the Corporation, for the amount, payable in one year from the 1st Jany last, with interest at six per cent.

*Ordered that said offer be accepted and that a Bond, under the Seal of this Corporation, be given accordingly.

Warrts No 164 @ 169 On application Ordered, that six several Warrants of One thousand Dollars each, be issued in favour of the Superintendant of the Alms House.

Warrt No 171. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham, for $200. on account of the Committee of repairs.

The following Report was presented

The Committee on the subject of farming out the Street manure, to whom was referred the Comptrollers †report of a comparative Statement between the present establishment and that of farming out as aforesaid

Report

That after a full consi- [405] deration of the subject they are of opinion, from the information they have received, that considerable more may be obtained for the manure by farming it out, than is received by the present establishment. They therefore recommend that the Comptroller be directed to give public notice, to receive proposals for farming out the manure by districts as prescribed in the Ordinance, heretofore reported, in such manner however as that the Board may have the option to reject the proposals, if they should be dissatisfied with the sums offered, or the persons offering them.

Thurston Wood
Feb. 13. 1809. Jas Drake
Adrian Hegeman

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

‡The Chairman of the Lamp Committee reported, that in consequence of the repeated complaints made of the neglect of the public Lamps, he together with the Superintendant of repairs, accompanied

* Marginal note reads *See P. 433.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 374.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 20, P. 5.*—Ed.

by the Captains of the City Watch, visited on the night of the 8th instant the several districts of this City, and presented a statement of the large number of Lamps which were extinct at a very early hour on that night.

*Ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee.

The following report was presented.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the †Memorial of sundry proprietors of Wharves and Warehouses at Brooklyn

Report,

That they have taken every pains to inform themselves on the subject [406] of which they complain, and after mature consideration are of opinion, that if the Corporation should confine the Ferry boats to the Ferry stairs only, on each side, the advantages the public receive from the Ferries would be considerably lessened: for instead of Two Ferries as at present, it is likely there would be Twenty very shortly, and the public not so well accommodated as now. In all their enquiries the Committee can find no person that is put to any inconvenience in having his goods transported by the Ferry boats. The law permits owners of goods to transport them in their own boats, if they think proper; and some of them, not having business enough of their own, for their Boats, want to transport for others, which, if the Board consent to, would in the opinion of the Committee, contribute to the inconvenience of the great body of those persons who use said Ferry. From enquiry Your Committee are of opinion that the lessees of Brooklyn ferry conduct themselves with as much care and attention as has been done for some time.

Feb. 13. 1809.

Jas Drake
Samuel Torbert.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

The Committee of Finance on a ‡Petition of a number of the inhabitants of the City

Report

That after maturely considering, with all the attention becoming a representation from so large and respectable a number of our Fellow Citizens, it is their opinion it would be inexpedient to raise a special tax on the Citizens for the purpose contemplated in said petition: for the Committee fully believes, the public distress at [407] the present

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 20. P. 27.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 356.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 384.*—Ed.

moment is greatly mitigated by the formation of a number of Associations for benevolent purposes, and which has evidently caused the pressure at the Alms House to be less than last year. The Board will recollect that the rations on several days last year were upwards of 6000. Whereas on Friday the 3d inst. the rations were 4220. On Tuesday last 4016. and on Friday last 4036. The Commissioners have likewise issued 630 Loads of Wood from the 22d of January to this date. And further that the "appointment of a number of impartial citizens to distribute the public bounty" is superseded by the praiseworthy attention of the Commissioners of the Alms House, whose exertions at this period merit the highest thanks of this Board, and of the Citizens at large.

The Committee are further strengthened in the opinion that it would be improper to raise an additional tax, because a late review of the Finances of the Corporation presented to this Board in the Comptrollers report a Sum sufficiently large may be appropriated with propriety towards the alleviation of the labouring poor.

Feb. 13th 1809.

John Bingham
Jasper Ward
Thos J. Campbell
Jno Slidell.

Ordered that the same be published.

The following Report was presented by the Commissioners of the Alms House and Ordered to be published.

To the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty &ca

The Commissioners of the Alms House respectfully Report, that the following number of rations and other supplies have been issued from [408] the Alms House since the 5th Jany last Vizt

Friday. Jany	6	649.	Rations
Tuesday "	10	1247	"
Friday "	13	1723	"
Tuesday "	17	2158	"
Friday "	20	2519	"
Tuesday "	24	2735	"
Friday "	27	3093	"
Tuesday "	31	3755	"
Friday, Feb.	3	4016	"
Tuesday "	7	3819	"
Friday "	10	4036	

29.750 @ 9 Cents $2677.50

There has been distributed during the same period, towards the relief of distressed families, in Cash	479.50
In Fuel viz^{t} 630. Loads of wood including cartage	1460.
There has also been expended towards the Support of French poor for the month of Jan^{y}	57.60
Making the expenditure for the outdoor poor since the 5th January...	$4674.60

Feb. 13th 1809. Jn^{o} J. Westervelt, James Teller, John M^{c}Kesson } Commiss^{rs}

A Report of the Superintendant of the Alms House together with his Account Current for the last quarter, was referred to the Comptroller.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward to whom was referred the consideration of the *subject respecting the sunken lots in Spring Street, reported that, in their opinion, it would be adviseable that new Ordinances should be passed, directing the owners of said Lots to be filled up on or before the 10th day of March next, that the said ordinances be served forthwith, upon as many of the owners as can be found, and that such of the lots [409] as shall not be filled up within the time limited be regulated at the public expense and afterwards sold for a term of years to defray the same, in the manner proscribed by the Statute; Which was confirmed.

†The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller on the petition of M. Cashman and others Lessees of Lots in Chatham Street, reported that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners; which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the ‡Petition of John Butler, reported that the prayer thereof is unreasonable and ought not to be granted, which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the ||accounts of the Street Commissioner, reported, that in conjunction with the Comptroller, they had carefully examined said Accounts with the Vouchers, and find them perfectly correct; and that there remains a ballance due to the Street Commissioner of $537.62. for which they recommended that a warrant should be issued in his favour, being a complete settlement of his account Current, with his Salary included, up to the 14th Jan^{y} last: which was confirmed

Warr^{t} N^{o} 170. And a Warrant ordered to be issued accordingly.

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The Attorney to whom was referred the *Petition of Lawrence Heyer, reported, that as the controversy between the Common Council and the Petitioner will ultimately rest and consequently be decided upon principles of law, there could in his opinion be no objection against [410] submitting it to the arbitrament of three reputable Lawyers, in which arrangement it is understood that the petitioner will acquiesce.

Ordered that the subject be referred to Alderman Mott Messrs Hegeman and Torbert.

A report from the Police Office that Captain Darling had returned William Simmons John L. Ayres, & Burnet Tims for neglect of duty and leaving their posts, was referred to the Watch Committee.

The Street Commissioner having advertised the †Assessment for repairing the Wharf in South Street, from Wall Street to Burling, reported that he had received no objections thereto.

Ordered that said assessment be confirmed and that Charles Marsh be appointed Collector.

‡The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to cover a copy of ||one of his communications to the Board of the 14th of March last, on the necessity of effecting more sure and permanent Surveys in this City, which was read and referred to a Committee of seven members; but the great distress of the poor at that time requiring the daily presence of many of the Members at the Alms House, and the press of other concerns claiming the immediate attention of others, prevented the Committee from meeting upon the business until it was too late to bring it forward for the consideration of the Legislature.

[411] The Street Commr respectfully refers the Board to the said Communication for his ideas upon the subject generally, to which he does not think it necessary further to add, than that every survey, since that presentation, has more and more convinced him of the propriety of his remarks, and the necessity of the measures therein recommended.

It has been suggested that such a law would subject the Corporation to great expense. But it may be observed that these surveys would only be made, as they now are, at the request of persons about to build, that the charges would be borne by the persons requiring

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it. That the Corporation would be at no expense except where they directed a Special Survey, and in that case it would be reassessed upon the proprietors. That they are subject to such expense now, and that in fact, the principal object of the law is, to prevent the accumulation of expenses, unavoidable at present, and to lessen those which accrue by the present practice.

The draft of a bill to be sent to the Legislature was drawn up with some attention for the purpose of submitting it to the Committee when they met. It has been examined by several gentlemen of the Law, in and out of the Board, but although generally approved, was objectionable in some parts.

To avoid these objections several alterations have been made, and the Original draft, with the amendments, is now presented for the consideration of the Board. It may scarcely be necessary to remark, that no more power is asked by this Bill, than is delegated by Law to the Mayor and City Commissioners of Baltimore, and to the Select & Com. Council of the City of Philadelphia.

All which is respectᵛ submitted

Febᵛ 13. 1809. John S. Hunn.

[412] Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

The Superintendant of repairs, agreeably to the *order of Common Council, reported the number of Public Pumps in this City, as follows.

First Ward	25
Second "	18
Third "	24
Fourth "	17
Fifth "	33
Sixth "	35
Seventh "	21
Eighth "	45
Tenth "	31.
	249
Rain water pumps	5
Total	254

* Marginal note reads *See P. 397.*—ED.

Increase of Pumps since the last *report the 8th of August last Eleven Viz[t]

Fifth Ward	2
Sixth "	3
Eighth "	5
Tenth "	1
Total	11

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances, for the purpose of correcting Nuisances, from N° 4670. to N° 4680. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The following Resolutions were passed.

†Resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the expediency of widening Maiden lane, where the late ‡fire happened, and report at the next meeting of this Board.

Alderman Hopkins Mess[rs] Mulligan and Douglass were appointed said Committee.

[413] Resolved that the Superintendant of the Alms House take measures to furnish such paupers in the Alms House, as are destitute, with the necessary apparel to cover their nakedness.

Resolved that the Deputy Clerks of the Markets report to the Market Committee, all vacant Stands in the several Markets, and all Stands that may remain unoccupied for four weeks.

||Ordered that the Committee of laws and ordinances be requested to prepare the draft of a Memorial to the Legislature, to extend the powers of this Corporation to regulate Pawnbrokers in this city.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay:

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The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council of appointment having been pleased to reappoint the Honourable De Witt Clinton Mayor of this city, for the ensuing year, who having previously taken the Oaths of Office prescribed by law, produced his Commission which was read and published with the usual formalities.

The Mayor presented the following letter addressed to him by James Fairlie Esq[r]

New York. Feb[y] 20[th] 1809

Sir.

Being a member of a Committee of the Assembly, now sitting in Albany, on the [415] subject of a Standard long measure; and understanding that the Corporation of this City is possessed of a standard Yard, procured for them from England, I take the liberty through you to suggest to the Common Council, that they would present their Standard to the State, as the Standard to receive the Sanction of Law: and in return the City will not only have a compared and authenticated one, but also an additional one, for that presented by the City.

If this proposition be assented, to I would also request that such a written account accompany the Standard, as shall exhibit to the Legislature how the same was obtained.

With great respect
I am
Your very hum. Serv[t]
Ja. Fairlie.

The Honorable
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Whereupon Ordered that the Mayor, in behalf of this Corporation, present the Brass Standard Yard Measure belonging to this Board, in the Clerks Office, to the State of New York; and that the Clerk furnish such *particulars relating thereto, as may appear in the Minutes.

†A Petition of Frederick Depeyster for a grant of One hundred feet of the Soil between high and low water mark in Hudson river, fronting his premises in the Ninth Ward, was referred to the Comptroller.

‡A Petition of Henry Shop for a Butchers licence and grant of Stand N° 37. Flymarket was referred to the Market Committee.

[416] ‖A Petition of M. Cashman and others, praying to be heard by Counsel, on the subject of their leases in Chatham Street, was referred to Alderman Bingham Messrs Douglass and Torbert.

§A Petition of Stephen Gould, to be allowed the materials of the Old building on the Lot, in his possession, belonging to this Board, at the corner of Wall & Broad Streets, on the west side of Broad Street, and to be exempted from payment of any rent for the year he shall be building a new house thereon, was referred to Messrs Hegeman Haight and Ward.

A Memorial of William Hunter representing that he is proprietor of Six Lots of ground on the west side of Corlaer's Street, that three of the said lots are on the South, and three on the North side of Lombard Street—That by adding twenty five feet to the South side of Grand Street, East of Corlaers Street, and making Lombard Street sixty feet wide, there is but a small triangle left between Corlaers, Lombard Street and Grand Streets containing about the quantity of a Lot and a half of ground with 235 feet of Street to make round it, and the angle so acute at the intersection of Grand and Lombard Streets, as to be of no use. Grand Street strikes the lots on the south side of Lombard Street 243. feet east of Corlaers Street and crosses them so obliquely as to form a very acute angle with the South line of these Lots: That from the peculiar situation of this ground, he has to make two streets of sixty feet wide and also half of Grand Street 425 feet, without the advantage of a single lot fronting on it: That he has also built a substantial bulkhead [417] 300 feet in length, which has cost him about $.5000. and must be kept in repair by him without any emolument arising to him, it being one side of the Cor-

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poration Slip: That, at present he is paying a quit rent equal to any fronting on that part of the East river, and therefore praying that a Grant, free of rent, may be given to him; was referred to Alderman Drake Messrs Slidell and Torbert.

A Complaint against the Hackney Coaches, standing in Broadway, impeding the access to Trinity Church, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward and the City Inspector.

Alderman Mesier informed the Board that Cornelius Wynkoop, late Collector of the First Ward had lately died.

Whereupon Ordered that an Election be held for a Collector for said Ward, at the City Hall on Tuesday the 28th. inst.

Nicholas Van Antwerp Samuel Tooker, and Isaac Heyer were appointed Inspectors.

The following report was presented.

The Committee appointed upon an *application made to the Board objecting to the qualifications of Andrew Hegeman as Collector of the Eighth Ward:

Report

That they have examined the subject referred to them and find that Mr Hegeman is Heir at law of his father who died seized of a real estate in fee simple in said Ward, of which [418] Mr Hegeman is now in possession, Whereupon the Committee are of opinion, that, as a freeholder, he is qualified for said Office under the Charter.

Mangle Minthorne
Feb. 20th 1809. Saml M. Hopkins
Thos J. Campbell.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the †Account of Stryker & Dikeman for lighting the public Lamps at Brooklyn, amounting to $.12. reported in favour of paying the same, but that in future no further account of a similar nature be allowed by this Board, which was confirmed.

‡A Report of the Lamp Committee, accompanied with reports of the several Captains of the City Watch, on the defective State of the public Lamps, was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following report was presented.

||The Committee who were instructed to enquire into the ex-

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Street and Catharine Market, and that no other persons have pledged themselves to the Corporation to perform this work or any part of it as partners of said Hogan.

That the said Hogan on the 24th day of January last gave a power of Attorney to John McCosker to collect this money which was transferred by a power of substitution to Patrick McCarthy, to whom the said Edward Magin also gave a power; and that on the 13th Febʸ inst. [422] the said Hogan gave another power to James Mead therein revoking all others: all which powers were deposited with the Subscriber and are herewith presented.

The Street Commissioner further reports that he has directed the payment of no part of the monies due to said Hogan to any person since the date of the first power; and recommends that the subject generally be referred to the Counsel with power to give the undersigned such instructions as will exempt the Corporation and himself from any responsibility occasioned by an improper payment.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Febʸ 20th 1809. John. S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

*The Committee on laws and ordinances to whom was referred the report of the Street Commissioner, together with the draft of a Bill to regulate the making Surveys in this City, reported said Bill, which was read by paragraphs and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed and forwarded to the Legislature.

Messrs Hegeman Slidell and Campbell were appointed a Committee to consider of the propriety of applying to the Legislature to grant a †Lottery for the purpose of raising Money towards completing the New City Hall, and to report the draft of a Memorial and Bill on the subject.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances from Nº 4681. to Nº 4707. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

[423] The Comptroller presented Deeds for the grants of soil between high and low water mark in the Hudson river at Manhattan Ville to Jacob Schiefflin Thomas Buckley John B. Lawrence and Joseph Byrd which were approved and ordered to be delivered to the parties on signing the Counterparts.

The Comptroller also presented a Deed from Jacob Schiefflin and

* Marginal note reads *See P. 410. See Vol. 20. P. 35.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 430. See Vol. 20. P. 35.*—Ed.

his Wife, to this Board, for Lot N° 10. on Schieffelin Street at Manhattan Ville, for the purpose of a Ferry House, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

M^r Torbert moved that the Committee on the subject of the Mayor's Salary, be called upon to report.

Alderman Bingham, in behalf of said Committee, remarked, that, from the multiplicity of other business, the Committee had not been called together to consider the subject and was not ready to report.

Whereupon M^r Torbert moved that said Committee be discharged, which was carried.

M^r Torbert then moved that the blank fixing the Mayor's Salary be filled with Five thousand Dollars, And that the Memorial on the subject be engrossed and forwarded to the Legislature.

Alderman Mesier moved, as an amendment, that a new Committee be appointed to consider the subject and report thereon, which motion prevailed, and Aldermen Bingham Mesier and Wood were appointed said Committee.

[424] M^r Ward offered the following resolution which was passed, an

*Resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine and direct the payments to the persons who have had ground taken from them for widening Cross Street.

Alderman Minthorne Mess^rs Douglass and Hegeman were appointed said Committee.

Ordered that the Superintendant of Streets direct the owners and occupants of houses and Lots in this city, and persons having the charge of public buildings, to clear the footwalks of ice to open the kennels and to level the Snow in the Streets before their respective premises, or to enforce the penalty of the Law against delinquents.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

N° 2.

Othniel Beebe, Blockmaker, Second S^t 10^th W^d v. Joseph Collins removed.

N° 34.

John L. Ayres, Mason, Hudson Market, 8^th W^d v. John Van Buskirk res^d

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 432.*—ED.

Assize of Bread.

Sup. fine Flour, inspected. 64/. pr Bl	44. Oz.	for one Shilling
do do	22. "	Six pence
do mixt, with Fine Indian	47. "	One Shillg
do do	23. "	Six pence
do mixt with Rye Flour	52. "	One Shillg
do do	26 "	Six pence
Rye Flour .....36/ pr Bl	63. "	One Shillg
do do	31 "	Six pence

Febv 18th 1809. Danl Phœnix
City Treasurer.

[425] Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrant to pay.

No 172	Capt Nichs Lawrence, City Watch	$276.36	
173	" Willm Van Wart do	276.36	
174	" Willm Peterson do	256.76	
175	" James Snow do	256.76	
176	" Thomas Darling do	276.36	
177	" Isaac Anderson do	276.36	
			1618.96
178	G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller. Salary &ca		258.
179	Thomas Collister, for annual Subscription to City Dispensary		25.
180	Amos Rooke, Salary for attending Signal Poles		82.50
181	Thomas & James Stevenson, for Blacksmiths work for Fire Engines		591.98
	Total		$.2.576.44

Daniel J. Ebbets and Jacob S. Myers were admitted Freemen and severally took the Oath prescribed by Law.

[426] In Common Council. Febv 27th1809.

Present Jacob Mott, Esquire, Deputy Mayor.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire, Recorder.

Peter Mesier, James Drake, John Bingham, Thurston Wood, Mangle Minthorne	Esquires Aldermen	
Messrs John Slidell, John W. Mulligan, Adrian Hegeman, Thomas J. Campbell, Isaac S. Douglass, Samuel Torbert, Jasper Ward, John Drake.		Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Jacob Mott Esquire, Alderman of the 7th Ward of this city, produced his commission of Deputy Mayor, with the approbation of His

Excellency the Governor thereunto annexed, and having previously affirmed to and subscribed the Oaths of Office prescribed by law, in the presence of Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq[r] Recorder, named in the Commission of Dedimus potestatem to tender and administer the Oaths required by law, to all Officers Civil and military appointed or elected for this City and County in the absence of the Mayor, at Albany, took his seat and presided.

*A Communication from Joseph Burjeau the Mayor's Marshal, representing that he is deputed by the Mayor to collect the Market fees at Harlem [427] and that he had called on Thomas Durning butcher at said place, to account for the market fees due by him for the space of two or three years, which he refused to do; And further stating that His Honour the Mayor requested that said Durning should be suspended until a settlement was effected, and that the Attorney of this Board be directed to institute a suit against him for recovery of said Fees; which was confirmed.

A further Petition of Zophar R. Jarvis to be permitted to erect a Hay Scales at the intersection of Broadway and Bowery, and to be appointed Weighmaster, was referred to Alderman Minthorne Mess[rs] John Drake, and Ward.

An application of John Lawrence to be permitted to make an Area and Vault before his premises N° 356. Broadway was granted, under the inspection of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Dikeman and Burdett Stryker for a grant of the Soil between high and low water mark at Brooklyn, northward of the old Ferry, commonly called the rocks, was referred to the Ferry Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition of John Barckoff, for a grant of the Stand N° 28. Fly-market, occupied by Richard Ford, who is willing to relinquish the same in his favour, was referred to the Market Committee, who forthwith reported in favour of the Petitioner, which was confirmed.

Alderman Mesier presented a letter from Mr. Robert Fulton, to M[r] John R. Livingston proposing as a mean of defence for this harbour, that this Corporation should provide 20. Torpedoes, for the [428] purpose of blowing up Ships of War, together with 2 Boats and crews for exercising them, the expense of which is estimated as follows:

20. Torpedo,locks @ $50. each	$1000.
20. Copper Cases, @ 30. d°	600.
2000 lb. Powder	500.

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 450.*—ED.

2. Boats, built expressly for the purpose.....	$200.
Ropes, lines & Contingencies.....	500.
	$.2.800.

Each Boat to have 6 oars, 1 Harpoonman, 1. Coxswain, 8 men to each Boat, total 16. men, who sh[d] be active intelligent young men, all of whom would be taught the harpoon and use of the torpedos, and in case of service, could command a boat and direct her attack.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Defence.

*The Recorder presented the Copy of a Bill, which he had received from Albany, now before the Legislature, to the following purpose;

"That all goods, Wares and Merchandize brought on board of "any Ship, boat or vessel, and landed in the town of Brooklyn in "Kings County may be again reladen, on board of any Ship, Boat or "Vessel, and transported to the City of N. York in such manner as "the owner, agent or consignee shall deem proper or convenient; any "law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding."

"And that the inhabitants of the town of Bushwick in the county "aforesaid owning lands on the East river, within the limits of said "town, are hereby authorised and permitted to build and erect Docks, "wharves and other buildings to the distance of two hundred feet "from low water mark in the [429] East river. Provided always that "by this grant the navigation of Marsh Platt Kill, commonly called "Bushwick Creek, shall in no way be obstructed or impeded."

Ordered that the same be referred to The Recorder Mess[rs] Mulligan, and Hegeman to consider how far said Bill may interfere with the rights of this Corporation, and to report thereon at a special meeting of this Board, to be held for the purpose, on Wednesday next, 4 o'clock. P. M.

The following communication was received from the Treasurer of the New York Hospital.

Thomas Eddy Treasurer of the New York Hospital exhibited an Account to the Superintendant of the Alms House, for the maintenance and support of Maniacs to the 1[st] of the 1[st] Month, January; In said Account is included the charge for the Maniacs received at the Hospital by order of the Superintendant of the Alms House, and for those who were removed from the Hospital to the Assylum last Summer. The Superint[d] of the Alms House, as the Treasurer of the Hospital was informed by the Clerk of the Alms House, was of opinion that application should be made to the Corporation for payment of

* Marginal note reads *See P. 441.*—ED.

Albany 12 March 1812

Sir

The bills relative to Streets & Pavements have passed the Senate and are now before the Assembly.

The remonstrance against the Ferry arrangement has also been submitted to the Assembly and nothing has as yet been done with the bill against which it was intended to operate.

There appears to be a determination in the Legislature not to grant any more Lotteries. The Memorial of the Common Council praying for one has been committed in the Assembly and a bill has been introduced but there is no hope of its passing.

The objections to the Canal Street Bill have not yet been taken up. I have written to have from the Common Council on that subject. My opinion is adverse to the solicitude of the objectors.

I wish I could write you to communicate but to the Corporation for their information

I am Your most obed.t Serv.t

De Witt Clinton

Edm.d Ruttard Esq.r

This letter of De Witt Clinton, previously unpublished, was discovered by the editor among the loose papers in the custody of the city clerk. Clinton was Mayor of the City and at the same time State Senator. He writes from Albany to the Clerk of the Common Council concerning bills pending before the legislature that affect the city. The minutes to which reference is made are found on pages 402, 434, 445, 455.

the said account and the Treasurer of the Hospital now respectfully requests payment.

New York. 2d Mo (Feby) 27. 1809. Thomas Eddy.

Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Bingham Drake, and Mr Slidell.

[430] *The Committee on Laws and Ordinances presented the following draft of a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject of regulating Pawn brokers, together with the draft of a Bill which were read, approved, and ordered to be engrossed, with the usual formalities, and sent to the Mayor at Albany, to be presented to the Legislature.

To the Honourable the Legislature &ca

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty &ca respectfully sheweth

That doubts having arisen whether Your Memorialists, under the Act of the 2d April 1803. by which they are authorized to make laws for regulating Pawn brokers, can provide for the payment a greater interest than at the rate of Seven per cent per annum.

That the compensation for small loans such as are usually made by pawnbrokers ought, in the opinion, of Your Memorialists, to exceed that rate. Your Memorialists therefore pray Your Honourable Body will authorize them to make such regulations on the subject as they may deem expedient. And as in duty bound &ca

Mr Hegeman, on the part of the †Committee, appointed for the purpose, reported the following Memorial to the Legislature, together with the draft of a Bill, for the purpose of raising $100.000, by Lottery towards completing the New City Hall, which were read, approved and ordered to be engrossed, and sent to the Mayor, as aforesaid.

To the Honourable the Legislature &ca

The Memorial &ca respectfully sheweth

[431] That Your Memorialists are desirous of prosecuting the building of the New City Hall, so far as to have the same covered and inclosed in the ensuing Season, but owing to the pressure of the times and the embarrassed State of their finances as *will* [well as] from the great expense of the said building and other causes, they are seriously apprehensive that they will find themselves under the necessity of stopping the progress of the said Building for the present, and of leaving it in its exposed state, without your aid in the premises. They

* Cf. accompanying plate. Marginal note reads *See P. 413.*—Ed.
† Cf. accompanying plate. Marginal note reads *See P. 422.*—Ed.

therefore earnestly beseech Your Honourable body to authorize them to raise the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars by Lotteries in such manner and under such prudent regulations as Your Wisdom may direct, to enable them the better to pursue and complete the building of the New City Hall aforesaid.

And Your Memorialists &c[a]

The *Committee to whom was referred the Petition of M. Cashman and others, reported that it has not been customary for the Board to hear Counsel, and in the present instance, that it is not expedient to comply with the prayer of the Petitioners; which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the †Application of Stephen Gould reported; that they consider the terms offered to him, in their former report, as favourable as this Board ought to grant, and are of opinion that his petition ought not to be granted, excepting as to allow him the old materials. The Committee further recommended that M[r] Gould be informed that unless he shall take out his lease by the first day of May next, the Board will not consider themselves bound to abide by the terms aforesaid: which was confirmed.

[432] The following report was presented.

‡The Committee appointed to examine and direct the payments to be made to the persons who have had ground taken for the widening Cross Street

Report.

That as this subject has remained in an unsettled State for a considerable length of time, the Committee are of opinion that it should be brought to a final settlement with all convenient speed. They therefore recommend that the Comptroller be directed to have deeds prepared for the several peices of ground taken for said Street, and that payment be made to the Several proprietors, on the execution of their respective deeds.

Mangle Minthorne
Isaac S. Douglass
Adrian Hegeman.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

On the suggestion of the Street Commissioner, it was further Ordered, that the money now due and assessed upon the said proprietors be deducted from the several Awards, and that the respective balances only be paid by this Board.

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* Marginal note reads *See. P. 416.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 416.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 424.*—ED.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

The Comptroller has the honor to report on the *petition of Frederick Depeyster, requesting that a grant may be made in his favour for the soil between high and low water mark on the Hudson river, commencing at the boundary line between him and James Striker, and running Southerly along said river in front of his premises, the distance of 100. feet.

That it does not appear improper to issue a grant to the petitioner on the same terms with grants [433] made to Jacob Harsen and Jacob Schieffelin in the Year 1804. Viz[t] from high to low water mark being about 150 feet, at the rate of Six and a quarter cents per foot along the Shore or Strand, for the first Fifty years, and Twenty five cents per foot forever after. Should the Board think proper to sanction this report, a Grant will be prepared accordingly.

respectfully submitted.

Feb. 27[th] 1809. G. N. Bleecker. Compt[r]

Ordered that the Same be confirmed.

The Comptroller reported, that from a review of a †report made to the Board the 29[th] August last, relative to water grants to Robert Carter and others, and ‡Peter P. Van Zandt: That the sum fixed to the latter is more than ought to be charged, considering that after deducting 120 feet 2¼ inches in depth from Front Street, which is the length of M[r] Carter's lot, there will remain but 79 feet 9¾ inches to be granted to M[r] Van Zandt. Taking into view the rate of grants formerly issued to the adjoining proprietors, and the Situation of the lot now under consideration, the Comptroller proposed to place M[r] Van Zandt's annual rent at Five Dollars thirty Eight cents at which Sum he will take out his grant:

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

||The Report of the Comptroller on the Communication of Charles Smith, lessee of the public Wharves and Slips, respecting the wharfage claimed by Richard Varick Esq[r] at Dey Street pier, was referred to the Counsel and Street Commissioner.

The Comptroller presented a Bond to James Drake Esq[r] agreeably to the §order of the Board, for $.5000. payable in twelve months from the 1[st] Jan[y] last with Interest at 6. P[r] C[t] P[r] an. which was approved and ordered to be delivered.

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* Marginal note reads *See. P. 415.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 106 [108].*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 20. P. 39.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 339.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See P. 404.*—ED.

[434] The Market Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of

*Henry Shop, for a butchers licence and grant of Stand N° 37. Flymarket.

†William Mooney, for a grant of Stand N° 7. Duane Market.

and ‡Robert Cuthbert, for permission to sell small meats by the quarter in the lower Flymarket

reported in favour of the petitions of the two former and against the latter; which was confirmed.

The Comptroller reported that he had examined the Books and Vouchers of the Superintendant of the Alms House for the Quarter ending the 31st Jany last, and finds that there is due to the Supt a ballance of $4184.32. agreeably to the following Account Current.

Dr Corporation of C. of. N. Y in a/c with Wm Mooney, Supt A. H. Cr

1809			1809		
Jany 31	To Amt of Cash paid for Alms House & Bridewell from 31. Octr 1808 to 31. Jan. 1809	$22.615.	Jan. 31.	By Cash recd from City Treas during this quarter	$15.000.
				By do being balle due on settlement of Accts 31. Oct. 1808	2.225.18.
				By do recd for sundry Articles sold from the Alms Ho & Bridewell & for Nursing &ca	1,205.50
				By Balle due Supt	4.184.32
	Dollrs	22.615.		Dollrs	22.615.32

" To Balle due Supt $.4184.32

Wm Mooney.
Supt Alms House

[435] The following report was presented.

||The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner relative to the lots in Stanton Street

Report

That they are of opinion that the Sale of the said lots ought to take place to indemnify Mr Murray for his advances. That as they had not been able to make up their report previous to the 20th inst.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 415.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 399.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 382.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 376. 455.*—Ed.

when the lots were to be sold; they requested the Street Commissioner to adjourn the Sale until the Coming in this report: And that the Sale of the said lots have been so adjourned and will take place on Wednesday next.

The Committee therefore recommend that the Street Commr be directed to complete that duty without the further interference of this Board, as no further reasons have been offered to suspend these operations.

John Bingham
Feb. 27th 1809. Samuel Torbert
Adrian Hegeman

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents on the Assessments for paving Oak, Chesnut and part of Pearl Streets, which were ordered to lie for consideration.

The Clerk presented the following report which was ordered to be entered in the Minutes.

In conformity with the *order of Common Council the Clerk reports:

That by recurring to the Minutes of this Board he has found certain entries respecting the Standard Weights and Measures imported for the Corporation of this City: a Copy [436] of which together with a Certificate from Mr Robert Bowne who imported the same, he has engrossed and delivered to James Fairlie Esqr to be presented to the Legislature

Which is respectfully submitted
Feb. 27th 1809. John Pintard.
Clerk of Common Council Office, Feby 24th 1809

In pursuance of an Order of the Common Council, on searching the Minutes, I find the following entries respecting Weights and Measures, Vizt

November 29th. 1802

†Ordered that the Comptroller be authorized to negociate with Mr Hardenbrook for the purpose of depositing the public Standard of Weights and Measures in the Office of the Clerk of this city.

December, 27th 1802.

Ordered that the Comptroller be authorized to procure a Set of Standard Weights (‡and a measure) at the expense of this Board.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 415.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 13. P. 477.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *ibid P. 499. Omitted, it is presumed by mistake.*—Ed.

July 11th 1803.

*Ordered that the Standard of weights and a Yard Measure, lately imported for the use of this Board, be deposited with the Comptroller: And that he procure a proper beam or ballance to be made for the same.

A warrant was issued the same day to Robert Bowne to pay for the same for, $.105.38.

I do moreover certify that on applying to Selah Strong Esqr Comptroller for the Corporation of this City, at the period aforesaid; He informed me that he had applied to Mr Robert Bowne Merchant of this city to import from London a set of Standard Weights and a Standard Measure for the use of the Corporation of this city: And that on application to [437] Mr Bowne he has furnished the annexed Certificate, together with a Copy of the Original Invoice from his correspondent Philip Sansom Esqr of London, of the weights and measure so imported, which were, by Mr Strong deposited in the Clerks Office.

And further that the Standard Brass Yard measure, presented by the Common Council to the State of New York and forwarded by the Honourable De Witt Clinton Esqr Mayor to Albany, is the identical Standard Brass Yard Measure mentioned in said Extracts and Certificate; and which from the time it was deposited has remained in the Clerk's Office to the present day.

(Seal) In testimony whereof the Seal of the Corporation of this City is hereunto affixed.

John Pintard.
Clerk.

Mr Robert Bowne's Certificate.

I hereby certify that about Six years since, understanding that the Corporation of the City of New York were possessed of no correct Standard of Weights nor Measures; I offered my services to import from London for their use, a complete set of weights and a measure regulated agreeable to the English Standard. The offer being accepted, I immediately wrote to my friend Philip Sansom Esq of London, directing him to procure for me and informing him of the purpose for which they were intended, the following Weights Vizt One 56lb one 28lb one 14lb One 7lb One 4lb one 3lb one 2lb one 1lb. One ½lb. One ¼lb and One Ounce: And a Yard measure divided into quarters and half Yards, the whole to be of Copper and Brass, and to be stamped

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 14. P. 88.*—ED.

at the Exchequer, put up with the utmost [haste] and forwarded to me. I soon after received them from him, in perfect order accompanied by an Invoice, a copy of which is annexed [438] hereto. They were immediately delivered by me to the Corporation in the same good order. From the respectability of my friend Sansom, I am confident they were in every respect what they were stated to be in the Invoice.

New York 2d Mo 24th 1809. Robt Bowne.

Invoice of 2 Cases of Weights &ca shipped on board the John Morgan, Thomas Howard Master for New York pr order and for Acct & risque of Mr Robert Bowne of N. York and to him consigned.

R. B. London 9. April. 1803.

Case 1.	A sett of Bell fashioned Weights &c. 56lb 28. 14. 7. 4. 2 & 1 lbs & an 8 oz. 4. 2. & 1. oz. 8 drams 4 drams, 2. drams & 1 dram flat brass weights in a neat Strong Fish Skin Case, all smooth, neat and accurate, Sealed at the Exchequer Exchange, &c. proper for Standard Weights....	£12:18:—
2.	A Neat Brass Yard Measure divided into Inches and Eights on one side, & half Nail, one Nail half quarter & quarter yard and half Yard, and three quarter Yard, on the Other side, engraved & sealed at the Exchequer, in a wainscot box.....	1: 8: 6
	Engraving all the Weights & dividing & engraving the measure	1: 2: 6
	Fees at the Exchequer. &ca.....	1:15:—
	Packing Case	4: 6
	Charges	
	Entry Cocket & Searchers fees..... £0:6:6	
	Export duty 0:3:0	
	Wharfage, Porterage & Lighterage..... 0:4:2	
	Primage & Bills of Lading..... 2:9	
	———	16: 5
	Commission on £18:4:11. at 2½ Pr Ct.....	9: 2
	British Sterling	£18:14: 1

Errors Excepted

Signed for Philip Sansom
Henry Sansom.

Amounting to, with Insurance, Freight and all charges Dollrs 105.38.

[439] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances, for the purpose of correcting Nuisances from No 4708 to No 4725. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Mr Ward offered the following resolution,

Resolved that this Board furnish General Morton Three Casks of

Gunpowder for the purpose of firing a Salute on the 4th March next, being the inauguration of the President of the United States: and that the Comptroller provide the same

Which, a division being called, by Mr Mulligan, passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative		Negative
Mr Recorder	Messrs Hegeman	Alderman Mesier
Aldermen, Drake	Campbell	Messrs Slidell
Bingham	Douglass	Mulligan.
Wood	Torbert	
Minthorne	Ward	
	John Drake.	

Resolved that the Comptroller be requested to inform such persons as may offer proposals for removing the manure &ca from the Streets of this City that this Board contemplate to employ three or four persons to see that the Citizens sweep the Streets, and that the paupers in the Alms House will sweep around the Park.

Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs under the direction of the Committee of repairs, cause the several Houses in this City to be accurately [440] numbered, and that he be authorized, by and with the consent of said Committee, to employ such Assistance, at the expense of this Board, as may be requisite to discharge said duty.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare and lay before the Board as soon as possible, A Map of all the vacant ground belonging to the Corporation, on Broadway, Elm Street and the Streets adjacent to the Collect, and on Chatham Street adjoining the Arsenal, to be laid out in lots of suitable dimensions for the purpose of having the same disposed of in such manner as may be deemed most advantageous for the Corporation.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent Vacancies

No 25.

Gideon Click, Cordwainer,	310. Water Street,	4th Wd v. Jas Westerfield
Edward Prebyn, Carpenter,	12. Vandewater	4th Wd v. Saml Montgomery.
Oliver J. Hewlitt, Clerk,	401. Pearl.	4th Wd v. Jas Campbell
Samuel McCoun, Mercht	Sugar loaf St	5th Wd v. Henry Mather resd

Ordered that the Deputy Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

Nº 182.	James Hardie, Assist to City Inspecr Salary &c.....		$68.50
183	Andrew Otterson dº dº dº		48.
184	Edward Moran dº dº dº		48.
185	Bartholemey Skaats, Salary for self & Assist.....		115.12
186	John Declew, Inspector of Bread, Salary.....		92.60
187	H. C. Southwick, printing for City Inspecn departt.....		74.50
188	Henry Badeau, Clerk of Elecn 8th Ward.....		6.
189	James Sutton, for lighting Lamps at Brooklyn.....		12.
	Total.....		$464.72

Samuel Cooper was admitted Freeman, and took the Oath prescribed by law.

[441] In Common Council. March. 1st 1809

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esquire. Recorder

Jacob Mott. Dep. Mayor	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs John W. Mulligan	Assistants.
Peter Mesier		Benjamin Haight	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Adrian Hegeman	
James Drake		Isaac S. Douglass	
Mangle Minthorne		Samuel Torbert	
		John Drake	

The following Report was presented.

*The Committee appointed in relation to a Bill depending before the Honourable the Legislature, supposed to interfere with the rights of this Corporation,

Report

That they have given the subject their serious attention and are of opinion that the provisions of the said Bill, if enacted into a law, will violate the rights of the City of New York, as granted by their charter, in many respects and particularly in those detailed in the Memorial accompanying this report, which they respectfully recommend to the adoption of the board, and that the same under the Seal of the City, may be forwarded without delay to his Honor the Mayor for the purpose of being presented to the Honourable the Legislature.

P. C. Van Wyck
John W. Mulligan
Adrian Hegeman.

1st March. 1809.

[442] To the Honourable the Legislature of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, respectfully represent:

That having been informed that a Bill is now before Your Hon-

* Marginal note reads *See P. 428.*—ED.

ourable Body for consideration entitled "An Act granting relief in "certain cases to the inhabitants of New York, and to the inhabitants "of the town of Brooklyn and Bushwick in Kings County," they have carefully examined the contents thereof as appear in a copy transmitted to this Board, and on comparing it with the charter of this city, are of opinion that the said bill in many respects not herein enumerated, contravenes and is at variance with the said charter, but particularly with those parts which "grant and appoint the compass precincts, "circuits, bounds, liberties and jurisdictions of the said city:" and "the "right, benefit and advantage of all docks, wharves, cranes, Slips or "small docks within the said city, with the wharfage cranage and "dockage, and all issues, rents, profits and advantages, arising or to "arise and accruing or to accrue, by or from all or any of them;" and "from the ferry and ferries on both sides of the east river and "all other ferries then and thereafter to be erected and established, "all around the island Manhattan, and the management and rule of "and all fees and perquisites to the same or any part thereof belonging;" as will fully appear from the said charter and a copy thereof published by order of the Common Council of the said City the 18th Feb. 1805. under the Pages 45. 46. 102. 103. &ca

The said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty also beg leave to suggest to Your Honourable Body [443] that it would be impolitic and inexpedient to pass such an Act, while the Controversy between this State and the State of New Jersey respecting the Charter rights of this city remains unsettled. That claim and the act before the Honourable the Legislature embrace similar points and are subject to the same objections; and the passing of the bill against the remonstrance of the Corporation, would give a new colour and pretext to the Jersey claim and probably defeat all hope of an amicable adjustment. They also submit to the Honourable the Legislature the consideration, whether it is not novel and unprecedented for them to interfere with the rights of a Corporate body in any point touching their pecuniary emoluments, unless upon petition or with the assent of the Corporation.

Your Memorialists beg leave to submit to Your Honourable Body that they are at all times willing to attend to such applications as may be made to them for the accommodation of the public with respect to the transporting of goods, merchandize and other articles, and to make such regulations respecting the same as are just and convenient and have in a recent case referred such an application to a Committee of

their body, whose report upon the subject they respectfully also submit for the information of Your Honourable Body.

Your Memorialists further represent, that the rights and privileges granted by Charter and which the said Bill is calculated to destroy have been acquiesced in and are now become a source of considerable emolument: and that all the advantages which are to be derived by individuals from the passing of the said Bill may be obtained from the Corporation, at all times, upon fair and equitable terms, consistent with the interests of the city.

[444] Your Memorialists therefore beg leave respectfully to submit this their *remonstrance against the passing of the said Bill into a law to the consideration of Your Honourable Body.

Ordered that the same be engrossed, and the Seal of this Board thereunto affixed, and together with the a copy of the †Report therein mentioned, forwarded to His Honour the Mayor to be presented to the Legislature.

The Clerk presented an Authenticated Copy received from the Secretary's Office, of the "Act authorizing the employment of certain "convicts in the City and County of New York." passed February 10th 1809. Which was ordered to be filed.

The following Return was made by the Superintendant of the Alms House.

Return of Paupers in the Alms House and its dependencies, Febʸ 27th 1809.

	Men.	Women.	Children	Total.
In Alms House	255.	494.	318.	1067.
At Bellevue	120.	70.	12.	202
In Bridewell	37			37
Mania Assylum	12.	12.		24
At Nurse			125.	125
	424.	576.	455.	1455

Warrᵗˢ No 190 @‡ 193 On Application ordered that a Warrant be issued in his favour for $.4184.32. the balleˢ due on his last quarterly Account.

Proposals for cleaning the Streets of this City by contract were presented by the Comptroller, opened and examined, and were referred to the Comptroller to prepare and present a return thereof at the next meeting of the Board.

* Cf. plate following P. 444.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 405.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 453.*—ED.

[445] Ordered that the Deputy Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

N° 190	William Mooney, Sup[t] of Alms House		.....	$1000.
191	d°	d°	.....	1000.
192	d°	d°	.....	1000.
193	d°	d°	.....	1184.32
			Total.....	$4184.32

In Common Council. March 6[th] 1809.

Present Jacob Mott, Esquire Deputy Mayor.

Peter Mesier, Samuel M. Hopkins, James Drake, John Bingham, Thurston Wood. } Esquires Aldermen

Messrs John W. Mulligan, Benjamin Haight, Adrian B. Hegeman, Thomas J. Campbell, Isaac S. Douglass, Jasper Ward, Abram Hoogland, John Drake. } Assistants.

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

A Memorial of sundry inhabitants of First Street near Grand Street, setting forth that a Dog, belonging to a person in that vicinity, had been killed, under strong suspicions of madness, Which Dog had previously bitten several other Dogs in that [446] quarter, whereby said inhabitants were much alarmed; and requesting the interposition of this Board to compel the owners of Dogs in that neighbourhood to keep them confined for a reasonable period; was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10[th] Ward, with power to afford such relief as may be proper.

Petitions of Charles Eagleson Mott Hicks Samuel Hutchings Samuel L. Page Henry Shute James Taylor John S. Taylor John Telfair Peter V. Tilyou JamesTripp and Jacob Vandervoort to be appointed Inspectors of Streets were severally referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

A complaint by Israel Purdy against Abraham Medler a Watchman, for not preventing certain disorderly persons from throwing Stones at his Windows, between 2 & 3 o'clock on the morning of the 5[th] inst. was referred to the Watch Committee.

*A Memorial of John Ashfield for payment of interest due on a Bond given to Thomas Duggan amounting to $.750. for damages awarded for opening Canal Street, and assigned to him, was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 20, P. 8.*—ED.

A Petition of Benjamin Gilmore for permission to erect a Set of Scales in Hudson Market for the purpose of weighing Meal and Flour brought for Sale in said Market, and to ascertain the rate of fees therefor, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Sundry inhabitants in the 9th Ward that a Hay Scales may be erected at the [447] intersection of Bloomingdale and the Post roads, and in such case, recommending Andrew Onderdonck to be appointed Weighmaster, was referred to Alderman Minthorne Messrs Ward and John Drake.

*An application of James Ketcham, offering an annual rent of $.230. for the privilege of keeping the Flag Staff at the Battery, was referred to Alderman Bingham Hopkins and Drake.

A Memorial of James McIntosh, setting forth that Hugh Sinclair deceased had been erroneously †taxed as a person residing within the British lines during the revolutionary war, whereas he had been out from the beginning to the end of the war, was referred to the Comptroller.

A representation of Jacob Drake and others remonstrating against the neglected State of the footwalk in front of the property belonging to Peter R. Livingston, at the Crane Wharf, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 2d Ward and the Street Commissioner.

Applications of Augustus Wright No 99 and Charles Drake 101. for permission to build Vaults in Beekman Street, were granted under the Inspection of the Street Commissioner.

On Application Peter Kirby was permitted to erect a lime house in Chatham Street, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

‡An Application of Jacob Cholwell for a warrant in his favour for $.1200. on account of his contract for lighting the public lamps, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Warrt No 207.

[448] An application of Walter Allen for a payment on account of the Piers between Coenties and Exchange Slips was granted, and a Warrant Ordered to be issued in his favour for $.500.

||A representation from the Superintendant of the Alms House stating that from the low state of the Treasury, he had not *being* [been] able to receive any payments on the Warrants last issued in his favour; was referred to the Finance Committee.

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* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 20. P. 4.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *in 1785.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 20. P. 5.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 20. P. 4.*—Ed.

On further application of said Superintendant representing the pressing wants of his department;

Warr^ts N° 208 @ 210. Ordered that three several warrants for $1000. each, be issued in his favour.

Warr^ts N° 211. @ 213. On application Ordered that three several Warrants be issued in favour of John H. Sickles, on account of the Building Committee, for $.1000. each.

Aldermen Mesier Hopkins M^r Mulligan and the Street Commissioner were appointed a Committee to confer with Captain John M^c-Lean, Commissary of Military Stores, to postpone the Sale of the ground belonging to the State at the corner of Pearl and State Streets until a letter can be sent to His Excellency the Governor and his answer received on the subject of ceding to this Board so much of said ground at the aforesaid corner as may correspond with the line of the front of M^r Archibald Gracie's House in Pearl Street, who has thrown out a part of his Lot to widen said Street, and, on the representation of Alderman Mesier, promises to make a cession thereof to this Corporation; Provided the State can be prevailed on to make the cession aforesaid.

The following Report was presented;

The Ferry Committee to whom was [449] referred a *Communication from the Comptroller relative to the Ferry at Horns Hook

Report

That agreeably to the report of a Committee on the 18^th September last and which was confirmed by the Board; Jacob M^cKeag, the present Occupant of said Ferry, in consideration of certain improvements to be made by him, is to have it for two Years from the 1^st of May next, free of rent, subject to the regulations of the Corporation respecting ferries. They also recommended that all improvements at the expense of this Board, to the buildings attached to said Ferry, except the finishing the house lately erected, be for the present suspended.

†The Committee further report that the lot of ground occupied by John Moore near the Arsenal in Chatham Street, at the Annual rent of $.137.50. be continued to him on the same terms until otherwise directed by the Board.

March 6^th 1809. Ja^s Drake.

Ordered that the Same be confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 389.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *d° d°*—ED.

The following report was presented.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Ann Walker of the City of New York, Widow of James Walker deceased

Report

That the prayer of the said Petition as to the purchase made by James Walker of certain lots at Inclenbergh ought to be complied with and said purchase relinquished, the Committee being satisfied, that under circumstances, the representatives of said James Walker, cannot, in law, be compelled, nor are they in justice bound to carry the terms of said purchase into effect, on account of the derangement of the said James [450] Walker at the time of said purchase

John Bingham
Jas Drake
Jasper Ward
Thos J. Campbell.

March. 6. 1809.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following report was presented.

The Committee to whom was referred the affixing a suitable Salary for the Mayor,

Report

That from an interview of one of Your Committee with, and from a written Communication from the Mayor, previous to his going to Albany, and now in their possession, and in which he intimates his willingness, and pledges himself that on his return from Albany he will give such information as he trusts will be satisfactory to this Board, and which will lead to a friendly accommodation in respect of his income and which Your Committee hopes will meet the approbation of this Board, and it is their opinion that the further consideration of the same be deferred till his return.

John Bingham
Peter Mesier
Thurston Wood.

March. 6th 1809.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

*A report was received from Joseph Burjeau that in consequence of the suspension of Thomas Durning Butcher at Harlem, he had effected a settlement with him and had received £30.18.3. Market fees due. He further represented that William Perkins of the same place Butcher, refused to settle the Market fees due by him; and recommended that he be suspended until he shall account for the same, or

* Marginal note reads *See P. 426.*—ED.

in case of default that the Attorney be directed to prosecute therefor: which was confirmed.

[451] The following report was received from the Counsel.

*Having examined the report of the Street Commissioner upon the Petition of Edward Magin, as also the said Petition and the several powers of Attorney accompanying the Same. I am of opinion that as it appears a Mr James Hogan of this City solely made the contract with the Corporation for the paving of the Streets and he on the 24th January last gave a full power of Attorney to John McCosker of this city Cordwainer, who on the 31st of the same month gave a power of substitution to Patrick McCarthy of the same place Grocer, which power of Attorney and of substitution were respectively delivered to and accepted of by the Street Commissioner previous to any pretence of Magin being a partner with Hogan and long previous to the power from Hogan to Mead. The Money due ought to be paid to Mr McCarthy, but as there may be a question of partnership arising from the allegation of Mr Ginn, the Corporation ought to be indemnified against such claim.

March. 6. 1809. Ja: Woods.

Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Drake, Mesier and Mr Hegeman.

The following Report was also received from the Counsel.

†The Subscriber to whom the Petition of Thomas Tom of the city of N. York Merchant, and Benjamin Ferris of the County of Westchester, Esqr together with the Comptrollers report thereon, respectfully submits for the consideration of the Common Council:

That he has examined the Deed from William Depeyster, Moses Rogers and Daniel Dunscomb Junr Commissioners appointed by the Mayor's Court of the City of New York, to make partition of certain property in the City of N. York which Abraham Van Ranst held as tenant in Common, in fee simple, with Peter Van Ranst and others, to Gould Hoyt Junior and [452] John Tom named in the said Petition, that it appears to have been executed in due form of law acknowledged and recorded in the office of the Clerk of this City and bears date the 10th May 1796. as will more particularly appear from the deed herewith transmitted.

He has also examined the deed in the said petition mentioned from Hoyt & Tom to Cornal Ferris and Sands Ferris; the Mortgage from them to the Petitioner Thomas Tom, the other Mortgage from

* Marginal note reads *See P. 421 Vol. 2. P. 15* [*20*].—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 369. 390. See Vol. 20. P. 39.*—Ed.

them to the other Petitioner Benjamin Ferris, as also the release from the said Sands Ferris to the said Benjamin Ferris, all of which appear to have been regularly and bona fide made and delivered.

He has also searched the Minutes of the Common Council in order to ascertain whether the grant in the said petition mentioned to the representatives of Mr Van Ranst was directed to be made out as therein alleged and from examination finds an entry to that effect: And it does not appear that such grant has as yet been delivered, if it has ever been made out.

The Subscriber further respectfully reports He has been informed and believes that the premises so mortgaged are but a scanty security for the payment of the aforesaid two several mortgages: That the aforenamed Gould Hoyt, survivor of Hoyt & Tom is willing for a grant to be made out as prayed for by the petitioners.

Whereupon as the Deed from the Commissioners to Messrs Hoyt & Tom, was predicated upon an Ordinance of Your Honourable Body passed several Years antecedently, and which has not been rescinded, so far as the Subscriber can learn, and a recital thereof made in each of the said Mortgages, he is of opinion, the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

March. 6. 1809. Ja: Woods.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[453] The Comptroller presented the following Communication.

The Comptroller has the honor to suggest to the Board the propriety of establishing a Ferry at Whitehall Slip for Boats plying between that place and Staten Island and Elizabeth Town point. Conformable to charter, the Corporation has this power, and by the 9th Section of a law concerning Ferries, passed Jany 11. 1808. No person or persons shall erect or keep a ferry between the City and the opposite shores, except they are authorized for that purpose by the Board. As the revenue of the Corporation would be encreased either by the establishment of a Ferry at the abovementioned place on a plan similar to ferries on the East & North rivers, or by obligating the owners of boats, usually employed in that business, to pay a certain Sum annually for the privilege; the subject may properly be investigated by the Ferry Committee, to whom it is respectfully recommended that it may be referred.

G. N. Bleecker.

March. 6. 1809. Comptr

Ordered that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee.

*The Comptroller reported that from an examination of the Books in his Office, he does not find that any payments have been made to *to* the Heirs of Dorothy Riker and Simeon and Rem Remsen on account of property taken for opening a free passage to the head of Burling Slip.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner report the amount of the Award to said Heirs &c[a]

The Comptroller presented the following Statement of Proposals for the privilege of collecting and selling the manure of the City for One Year from the 16[th] March. 1809, presented and read at the Board at the last †meeting.

[454] Districts	1	2	3	4	5	6	Whole
Ph. Smith & Rob[t] Dinike	...	800	...	700	...	500	
Frederick Vogel	...	...	...	525	...	420	
Ab[m] Boyce & Martin Myers 4[th] & 6[th] Dist[s] $.880							
John Stewart & Ja[s] Hill 5[th] & 6[th] Districts $.425							
Samuel Hutchings 1. 2. 3[d] d[o] $.2020	...	...	...	...	...	...	2600
J. Auld & E. Haviland	...	...	...	...	...	...	2750
Daniel H. Magee	700	600	500	500	500	600	3400
Charles Dobbs	800	825	675	800	350	600	4050
Hallamas C. Van Houten	...	...	...	...	...	...	4052.50
Isaac Hadley	...	...	...	...	...	...	4250
Waters Furman 1. 2. 3[d] Dist $2800							
5, 6[th] " 1000	...	...	...	800	...	...	4600
Stephen Hitchcock 1. 2. 3[d] Dist $.3656	...	...	...	...	...	...	5656

Whereupon Ordered that the Proposal of Stephen Hitchcock for taking the Whole districts be accepted.

The Comptroller reported that he had examined the Accounts of Stephen Hitchcock Superintendant of Streets, by which it appears that on the 1[st] inst.

the outstanding debts amount to	$1603.75
And the Cash paid into the Treasury at sundry times as by rect[s] exhibited is	1456.22

being the Ballance due the Corporation after deducting all expenses.

And further, that if the Board should adopt the proposed plan of selling the Street Manure by contract, he recommended that an ar-

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 20. P. 8.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 444.*—ED.

rangement be made with Mr Hitchcock for the collection of the outstanding debts during his superintendence.

And further that it would perhaps be expedient to refer the subject, together with the proposed draft of a law on the farming out the Streets, to a Select Committee in order that the whole business may be well matured [455] and understood by the contracting parties.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the Committee on farming out the Streets.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for paving Washington Street, between Murray & Barclay Streets.

Ordered that a Warrant to enforce payment be issued in favour of Oliver Jaques.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

*The Street Commissioner represents that endeavouring to obtain the names of the owners of ground proposed to be taken to extend Walker Street to Beach Street, he finds that several of the reputed owners live out of this city and that one of them is unknown.

That by the Act authorising the Corporation to take lands for opening Streets, it is stated, that when they have determined to open any Street, "Notice shall be given to the owners or persons interested "therein, or to his or their Agent or legal representative, and the said "Common Council shall treat with the said persons for the same."

The Street Commissioner in this case, not being able to comply with the precise letter of the Act, respectfully suggests the propriety of submitting the subject generally to Counsel, that such proceedings may be had in the premises, as will effect the ends proposed.

Which is respectfully submitted.

March 6. 1809. John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the Counsel.

The Street Commissioner represented that on Wednesday last he set up for Sale the vacant & sunken †lots on Stanton Street, supposed to belong to the Widows Society when the Assessment was made [456] and that both of them was struck off to Benjamin F. Haskins, one for 95 and the other for 76 years, and that he also set up for sale agreeably to the advertisement a ‡Lot on Broadway assessed to Brockholst Livingston, which he did not own, and that the same was struck off to John S. Hunn for Seventeen Years; all from the 1st day of March

* Marginal note reads *See Report Vol. 20 P. 16.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 435.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 155.*—ED.

instant, being the day of Sale. He also presented certificates for these lots.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be thereunto affixed.

The following Report was presented.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Communication from the Proprietors of Hamilton Square, requesting that the ground reserved for public purposes be appropriated for the use of an Episcopal Church have the honor to

Report

That they do not find that the Corporation by the conditions of sale have alienated their right of appropriating the aforesaid ground to the use of any religious persuasion they may think proper, and as all the proprietors of Hamilton Square with one or two exceptions, have signed the request in favour of an Episcopal Church, there appears no reason against a compliance with their request, under such restrictions and regulations as the parties intended may deem expedient.

It would however, in the opinion of the undersigned, be improper to vest the whole of the ground, so reserved, in any person or persons for a church only, as it is expressly stated in the Conditions of Sale, that it shall be forever reserved for a Church and Academy. It would perhaps be adviseable to set off such parts as may be necessary for these respective objects, and that suitable persons be appointed for that purpose.

[457] In order to stimulate the Inhabitants of that vicinity to build a Church without delay it is suggested that a grant of the Soil so sett off for a Church, be vested in such Trustees as may be appointed by the said inhabitants upon the express condition that the said Church be erected and completed fit for public service within two years. To bring the subject fairly before the Board the Comptroller and Street Commissioner propose the following Resolutions.

Resolved that Aldermen Mesier, Drake and Bingham, members of this Board, be and they are hereby appointed to associate with three persons to be appointed by the proprietors of Hamilton Square to confer and agree with the inhabitants in that vicinity disposed to build an Episcopal Church upon the Ground there reserved for a Church and Academy, or with a Committee of them touching the Area necessary for said Church; having due respect to the quantity of ground necessary to be reserved for an Academy.

Resolved further, that so much of the ground aforesaid as may be agreed upon by the above mentioned persons, shall be appropriated to

the use of an Episcopal Church, upon Condition that a Church shall be erected thereon fit for public worship in Two Years from the first day of May next: And that this Corporation will convey the ground aforesaid to Joshua Jones, Peter Schermerhorn and William Rhinelander in trust, with power to convey the same to the Church Wardens & Vestrymen of such Episcopal Church, when elected and incorporated according to the "Act to provide for the incorporation of religious Societies," passed the 27th March. 1801.

All which is respectfully submitted.

March. 6. 1809. G. N. Bleecker. Compr
John S. Hunn. St Comr

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[458] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances, from No 4726 to No 4749. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Alderman Drake offered the following resolutions, which were passed.

Whereas the Ringing the Bells in this city, as soon after the breaking out of any Fire, is of the utmost importance to the safety and interests of the inhabitants; wherefore

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department use all diligence in making the necessary enquiries and report whether some means cannot be devised to have the Bells of this city rung, in cases of Fire, in a more systematic manner.

Resolved that the Committee on Laws and Ordinances present to this Board at the next meeting a Law to compel the Owners of Hogs running at large to fix rings in their noses; under a penalty for neglect.

Ordered that the Dep. Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

No 194.	Capt Nicholas Lawrence,	City Watch	.....	$276.36.	
195	" Wm Van Wart	do	.....	276.36	
196	" Wm Peterson	do	.....	256.76	
197	" James Snow	do	.....	256.76	
198	" Thomas Darling	do	.....	276.36	
199	" Isaac Anderson	do	.....	276.36.	
					1618.96
200	Wm P. Roome keeper of Pottersfield. Salary				28.
201	John S. Van Winkle, Clerk of Elecn 1st Ward				6.
202	S. P Adriance & J. Farrington, Constables attends do				6.
203	Thos Darling & J. Brooks. do do 8th Ward				6.
204	Valentine Barnard, for lost Fire Bucket				2.
205	James Kirk, Preparing Ammunition. 4th March				3.34

N° 206	Thos Hazard, keeper City Prison, Salary for self & Turnkeys			$437.50
207.	Walter Allen, on acct Coenties & Exchange Piers.....			500.
208	William Mooney, Supt Alms House.....		$1000	
209	d°	d°	1000	
210	d°	d°	1000	
			———	3000.
211	John H. Sickles, on Acct Building Committee.....		1000	
212	d°	d°	1000	
213	d°	d°	1000	
			———	3000.
		Total.....		$8607.80

[459] In Common Council March, 8th 1809.

Present Jacob Mott, Esquire Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier, Samuel M. Hopkins, James Drake, John Bingham, Thurston Wood } Esquires Aldermen.

Messrs John W. Mulligan, Benjamin Haight, Adrian Hegeman, Thomas J. Campbell, Isaac S. Douglass, John Drake. } Assistants.

The Deputy Mayor informed the Board that he had called a Special Meeting for the purpose of laying before them a letter received from His Honour the Mayor, inclosing certain objections of the Council of Revision to the "Act for laying out Canal Street in "the City of New York, and for amending the Acts relating to Streets "and Roads thereinmentioned."

Which objections being considered, Amendments to obviate the same were adopted, which the Clerk was ordered to forward to His Honour, and to intimate, as the sense of this Board, that he should make such further alterations as in to his judgment may appear essential, to ensure if possible the passing of this important Act.

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March 13, 1809 to October 30, 1809

Members of the Common Council
of the City of New York.
1809.

De Witt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq^{r} Recorder

First Ward	Peter Mesier, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	M^{r} John Slidell	Assistant
Second "	Samuel M. Hopkins, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	M^{r} John W. Mulligan	Assistant
Third "	Charles Dickinson, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	M^{r} Benjamin Haight	Assistant
Fourth "	James Drake, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	M^{r} Adrian B. Hegeman	Assistant
Fifth "	John Bingham, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	M^{r} Thomas J. Campbell	Assistant
Sixth "	John D. Miller, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	M^{r} Isaac S. Douglass	Assistant
Seventh "	Jacob Mott, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	M^{r} Samuel Torbert	Assistant
Eighth "	Thurston Wood, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	M^{r} Jasper Ward	Assistant
Ninth "	Nicholas Fish, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	M^{r} Abram Hoogland	Assistant
Tenth "	Mangle Minthorne, Esq^{r}	Alderman
	M^{r} John Drake	Assistant

[1] City of New York, ss: In Common Council March. 13th 1809.

Present Jacob Mott Esquire. Deputy Mayor

		Messrs John W. Mulligan	
Peter Mesier		Adrian B. Hegeman	
Samuel M. Hopkins		Thomas J. Campbell	
James Drake	Esquires	Isaac S. Douglass	Assistants
John Bingham	Aldermen	Samuel Torbert	
Thurston Wood.		Jasper Ward	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

A Memorial of Benjamin F. Haskins setting forth that unless certain sunken lots in Pitt and Ridge Streets are filled in and measures taken to compel Messrs Stagg and Hulsart to complete Stanton Street; the ground of the lots in said Street, lately purchased by him which were filled agreeably to an Ordinance of the Common Council, will be washed away; was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

*A Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and pump at the intersection of George Lombard & Cheapside Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and the Superintendant of repairs with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the 10th Ward, that a Watchman may be stationed at the corner of Stanton and Fourth Streets, was referred to the Watch Committee with power to grant.

[2] A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the 5th Ward for a larger Fire Engine in place of that stationed in †Sugar Loaf Street, was referred to the Fire Department.‡

A recommendation in favour of Reuben Wright to be appointed Measurer of grain was referred to the Committee on applications for Offices.

Petitions of Thomas Anderson Issachar Cozens Robert Furlong Samuel Holmes John Leaycraft Hugh McGarraghan Matthew Nack Cornelius Raudon Jacob Skaats Andrew V. Stout and Patrick Waters to be appointed Inspectors of Streets, were referred to the same Committee.

* Marginal note reads *P. 31.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *No. 31.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *Report P. 94.*—Ed.

Warrt N° 234.

*A certificate that Jonathan Allen and four other Marshals had performed duty on Sundays in the 10th and 7th Wards, for 13. Sundays since the 11th of December last, and stating that they had received no orders to discontinue said services, was referred to the Comptroller.

†An application was received from Charles Smith, lessee of the public Wharves and Slips for an extension of his lease for the term of two Years from the 1st day of May next, on the same conditions as his present lease.

‡An Account of Messrs Hardenbrook & Nichols for new Lamps, certified by Jacob Cholwell, contractor for lighting the public Lamps, was referred to the Superintendant of repairs.

[3] ||A Memorial of Colonel Aaron Ogden of Elizabeth town New Jersey, for the privilege of extending the wharf erected by him at Marketfield Street 65 feet further South, for the purpose of accommodating the Steam Boat that is to ply between this city Elizabeth town point, Amboy and New Brunswic; and also to be permitted to erect a small building for a Ferry house, at the foot of Marketfield Street, on such conditions as the Corporation *made* [may] deem equitable, was referred to, the Ferry Committee the Commᵉ on Wharves Slips & Piers Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

§A Memorial of Peter P. Van Zandt, objecting against the Assessment for repairing the Wharf in South Street, between Burling Slip and Flymarket, was referred to Messrs Ward Aldⁿ Bingham and Mr Mulligan.

A Petition of sundry proprietors of Lots in the Bowery, praying that the foot walks between Grand and North Streets may be paved, was referred ¶to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 8th & 10th Wards and the Street Commissioner.

On a representation that the purchasers of Lots in Hamilton Square object to paying for the deeds of conveyance of their Lots.

**Ordered that it be referred to the Counsel to examine the conditions of Sale and report whether this Board or the purchasers are, in law, bound to pay for the deeds.

On the suggestion of Mr Ward that there is reason to apprehend that the Fire on Wednesday night the 1st inst. in Cheapside Street, was the effect of design.

* Marginal note reads *P. 22.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Report P. 6.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 20.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 36.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *See Report P. 55.*—Ed. ¶ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 69.*—Ed. ** Marginal note reads *See Report P. 16.*—Ed.

Resolved that the Deputy Mayor be authorized to offer, in behalf of this Board, a reward of Five Hundred Dollars, to be paid on the discovery and conviction of the incendiary or incendiaries.

[4] Certified Copies were received from Tunis Wortman Esq[r] Clerk of this City and County of the returns of the Elections for Collectors in the 8[th] & 1[st] Wards whereby it appears that

Andrew Hegeman, is duly elected Collector for the 8[th] Ward, and Samuel Cooper, Collector for the 1[st] Ward.

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the *petition of James Ketchum, reported, as their opinion, that he is a suitable person to take charge of the Flag Staff until the further orders of this Board; which was confirmed.

The Committee of Finance presented the following reports.

The Committee of Finance on the †application of the Superintendant of the Alms House referred to them

Report

From the said application and a number of others, it appearing not probable that there will be, for some time to come, a sufficiency of money in the Treasury to meet the demands. It is agreed to recommend to the Board to borrow the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for Sixty days.

John Bingham
Chairman.

Whereupon Ordered that the Deputy Mayor be authorized, in behalf of this Board, to borrow from the Manhattan Company, Ten Thousand Dollars, payable in Sixty days, with interest at the rate of Six per cent per annum: and that a Bond be given for the same with the Seal of this Corporation thereunto affixed.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the different ‡reports of the Captains of the Watch and the Lamp Committee;

[5] Report

That they have made some progress into the complaints laid before them and find that from the 11[th] to the 20[th] February, the Lamps were badly lighted. That they also find from the Foreman of the lamplighters, supported by his affidavit, that the circumstance is owing to the Oil being mixed, half summer and half winter, and the coldness of the nights: That from an interview with M[r] Cholwell he acknowl-

*Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19 P. 447.*—ED.
†Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19 P. 448.*—ED.
‡Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 405. 418.*—ED.

edges this to be the fact, and that if he did not use half Winter and half Summer Oil, he must be ruined as he cannot light the Lamps at the contract price without sustaining a great loss: that he is desirous to relinquish his contract to the Board, and is willing to give his Superintendance gratis. That Your Committee considering the length and darkness of the nights and no plan being digested to light the public Lamps, have thought it most prudent to continue Mr Cholwell until the further pleasure of the Board: and conceive that a *warrant can be safely granted him for the $1200 which he requires.

John Bingham
Thos J. Campbell
Samuel Torbert
Jas Drake.

Warrt No 219. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favour of Jacob Cholwell accordingly: and that the preceding Report lie for consideration.

The Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers presented the following reports

The Committee of Wharves, Slips and Piers having in charge to settle with †Walter Allen for extra work to the new piers between Coenties & Exchange Slips and to ascertain the value of the repairs he has done to the end of the old wharves, have to report to the Board:

That they have had several meetings with Mr Allen and attempted to make a settlement [6] with him, in which they have found great difficulty owing to some misunderstanding that took place at the time the award was brought in and while the work was progressing in conformity with the said award. That they have obtained a measurement of the extra work done and endeavoured to obtain the best information as to the value of it, from all which they are of opinion that if the Board release Mr Allen from the amount of the award, it will be an equivalent to the extra work at the new piers, and that if $.200. be paid to him it will be a full compensation for the repairs to the old wharf, which they recommend to be done, and which may be settled by issuing a warrant to said Allen for $1625. which together with a warrant granted him the 6th inst. for $.500. will make the sum of $2125. and by directing a Bond to be issued to the proprietors, who

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 447.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 391.*—Ed.

advance the same, for said $2125. And also by issuing another Warrant to said Allen for $200. for the extra repairs.

Jas Drake
Saml M. Hopkins
Jacob Mott.

Warrants N° 220 221

Ordered that the same be confirmed, and that Warrants be issued in favour of Walter Allen accordingly; and a Bond prepared and executed under the Seal of this Corporation, in conformity.

The Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers
Report

That they have had under their serious consideration the subject of the revenue derived from farming the public Wharves and Piers and the probability of increasing the same by holding up the priviledge for contract, at the expiration of the lease of the present lessee, Charles Smith, on the 1st of May next.

The Committee consider the present rate of Mr Smiths contract to be, under all circumstances, as high as ought to be expected or demanded by this Corporation, and as he has great expe- [7] rience in this department, and has given great relief to the Magistrates in the discharge of a very irksome duty, that of regulating the lying of vessels in the public Slips, and by his good management has prevented numberless disputes among the masters of coasting vessels and market boats, by his attention and judgment in carrying into effect the regulations of the Common Council on this head: And moreover, as he is extremely punctual [in] the payments arising on his Contract: The Committee under these impressions recommend that the public Wharves and Slips be let to the said Charles Smith for the term of Two Years from and after the 1st day of May next for the Sum of Seventeen Thousand Two hundred and Fifty Dollars, per annum, (being at the same rate at which he farms the same for the current year,) and on the same conditions as to the Bond and Sureties.

Jas Drake
Sam. M. Hopkins
Jacob Mott.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Committee on Wharves Slips and Piers recommended that a Committee be appointed to take measures that one or more of the Machines for cleansing the public Slips be prepared to commence their operations as soon as the season will permit.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the same Committee.

*A Report of the Committee of repairs on certain Streets in this City bearing similar names and of certain other Streets continued under different names was recommitted for the purpose of reporting more fully thereon.

A report of the Attorney on the petition of Joseph D. Hoyt to be relieved from a fine incurred for selling liquors without licence, that under all circumstances he did not regard him as an object for the [8] favourable interposition of this Board, was confirmed.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the †petition of John Ashfield for payment of the Interest due on a Bond given by the Corporation, reported that said Bond was given to Mr Duggan for land required of him for opening Canal Street, that Mr Duggan assigned the same to Paul B. Lloyd and on the 11th Feb. 1807. redeemed it; and on the 7th May following assigned it to sd Ashfield, as appears from the indorsements thereon. That it does not appear from any evidences in the public Offices that any payments have been made thereon; and as the Corporation have uniformly paid the interest on these Bonds, when applied for, there is no reason against paying the interest on this Bond, which on the 26th Feb. last, being two years & 6. months amounts to $.131.25. for which they recommended that a Warrant be issued; which was confirmed;

Warrt No 222. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of John Ashfield accordingly.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the ‡Report of a Committee on widening Maiden lane reported that he concurs in the opinion of said Committee that it would be improper to make any alterations on the South side of Maiden lane, as it cannot be improved on that side: and that it might be widened on the North side much to the improvement of the Street: but that, under existing circumstances, it would be injudicious to make such alterations at present: and that it would be more consistent to enter upon such an operation when either of the Old buildings mentioned by the Committee are removed, or attempted to be considerably repaired.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the ||report of the Comptroller respecting the [9] claims of the Heirs of Dorothy Riker and Simeon and Rem Remsen, for the purpose of stating the amount due, has the honour to

* Marginal note reads *See P. 15.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 446.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19 P. 418.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 453.*—Ed.

Report, That by the *report of the Counsel and confirmed by the Board on the 20th Febʸ last, it is agreed that the parties are entitled to interest on their several claims from the time the possession was delivered to the Corporation which by the Certificate of the Attorney of the Board, who carried on the Suit and which is hereunto annexed, it appears that possession was obtained about the 1st of March 1806; for the removal of Mr Patten's, Smith Shop left the passage free.

Taking then the 1st of March 1806. for the period from which to compute interest, the Several accounts will Stand thus.

To George Riker for ground	$3000	
do for Shop	75	
		3075.
Interest thereon from 1st March. 1806. to 13th March 1809. 3 years 12. days @ 7 ℔ Ct		652.91
Amount due Heirs of Dorothy Riker		$3727.91
To Simeon & Rem Remsen for ground	$3000.	
Int thereon from 1st March 1806, to 13th March 1809. 3 yrs & 12 days @ 7 ℔ ct	637.	
		$3637.
Amount *to* due [to] said Remsens.		

All which is respectfully submitted.

John S. Hunn.

Warrt Nº 223. Ordered that the same be confirmity—and that Warrants be issued in favour of George Riker and Simeon and Rem Remsen in conformity.

Warrt Nº 224. The Street Commissioner represented that Messrs Halsey & Westervelt have nearly completed their contract for the Block & Bridges forming an L at Vesey Street, and that a ballance of $779 remains due on said contract amounting to $2967. And recommended that a Warrant be issued in their favour for $.500. which was confirmed: and a Warrant ordered to be issued Accordingly.

[10] The Street Commissioner presented a Communication from Messrs Gosman & McComb respecting the ballance due them on a contract for laying curb Stone and making the foot walks in the Bowery. He further represented that this transaction is one of the unsettled affairs of Mr Bussing, and from the length of time elapsed since the work was done and the real difficulties which have always presented themselves to prevent a settlement of this account,

* Marginal note reads *Vol. 19. P. 419.*—Ed.

he was of opinion that it ought to be referred* to a Committee, to whom such explanations may be made, as will tend to eliminate the subject more clearly than can be done by a report.

Ordered that the subject be referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 8th & 10th Wards and the Street Commissioner.

The Superintendant of repairs reported, that agreeably to the direction of the Chairman of the Lamp Committee, he had caused the whole Number of Lamps to be taken in the respective Wards of this city: He also presented a return of the publick and private Lamps in the several Streets of this city; from which it appears, that

In the	First	Ward	are,	263.	public,	54. private lamps
	2d	do	....	177	"	8 "
	3d	do	....	167	"	25 "
	4th	do	....	138	"	4 "
	5th	do	....	176	"	2 "
	6th	do	....	135	"	..
	7th	do	....	164	"	2 "
	8th	do	....	161	"	..
	9th	do	....	2	"	..
	10th	do	....	173.	"	2 "
				1556.	public.	97.
				97.	private.	
		Total.		1653.		

He further stated that Mr Cholwell in his return of the 11th of August last, made the total number [11] of Lamps amount to 1655.

And further, that on the 30th September last, he the said Superintendant had been directed to take charge of setting up the New Lamps, and to keep a correct account of the same. Since which period he has erected 20. new Lamps.

†Ordered that the Contractor for lighting the Lamps make a return to this Board, at their next meeting of all the public and private lamps in this City.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances from No 4750 to No 4758. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Mr Mulligan submitted the following Order, which was referred to Alderman Bingham Messrs Mulligan and Hegeman.

Ordered that the Stage and post for whipping Criminals be re-

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 68.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 20.*—Ed.

moved from the Front of the Bridewell to the Yard thereof remote from Broadway: and that on the days, and between the hours appointed for whipping, the Yard gate of the Bridewell be opened for the admission of persons willing to be presented.

Mr Torbert offered the following resolution.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report to this Board, whether the Market fees at present are not too high.

Which was referred to Alderman Drake Bingham and Mesier.

*Ordered that the Superintendant of Streets be directed to lay before the Board at their next meeting, a list of all the outstanding debts for Street Manure in his possession, designating the names of persons owing, their places of residence, the time of sale, and when payment will be due, with the respective amounts: Also distinguishing what debts are supposed by him to be [12] doubtful, and what bad. accompanied with a report stating the best mode, in his opinion, for effecting a settlement of all outstanding debts.

The Committee on the subject of farming the Streets were directed to continue Mr Hitchcock on the present establishments, until the new arrangements be completed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying correspondent vacancies.

No 3.

William W Gallatian, Upholsterer, 28. Beaver St 1st Wd
v. Jacob P. Roome resd

No 11.

James Segoine, Shoemaker, 53. Water St 1st Wd
v. Danl Updike. "

No 24.

Andrew M. Arcularius, Grocer. 151. Flymarket. 2d Wd
v. Alexr Nicoll. "

No 27.

Lewis Thomas, Wheelwright. Greenwich St 5th Wd
v. Abm Powles. "

Ordered that the Deputy Mayor issue his warrants to pay:

No 214	John A. Crolius, Inspecr of Bread, Salary	$100.
215	Gurdon & D. Buck, for Gunpowder for 4th March	42.
216	Fosdick & Davis, for glazing & painting	5.68
217	James Drake, for a lost Fire Bucket	2.
218	David Griffen, on acct of filling Collect	30.

*Marginal note reads *See Report P. 20.*—ED.

N° 219	Jacob Cholwell, Contractor for lighting lamps.....	$1.200.
220	Walter Allen, in full for piers at Exchange &c[a] Slip.....	1.625.
221	d° for repairs of Wharf at d°	200.
222	John Ashfield, for interest on Canal Street Bond.....	131.25
223	George Riker, for award for Widening Burling Slip.....	3.727.91
224	Aaron J. Westervelt, on acc[t] of Pier at Vesey Street.....	500.
		$7.563.84

[13] In Common Council, March. 20[th] 1809.

Present Jacob Mott, Esquire, Deputy Mayor.

	Messrs	John Slidell
		John W. Mulligan
Peter Mesier		Benjamin Haight
Samuel M. Hopkins		Adrian B. Hegeman
James Drake	Esquires Aldermen.	Thomas J. Campbell — Assistants.
John Bingham		Isaac S. Douglass
Thurston Wood.		Jasper Ward.
		Abram Hoogland
		John Drake.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Letter was presented from His Honour the Mayor, dated Albany the 12th inst. informing the Board that the Bills relative to Streets and Pawn brokers have passed the Senate and are now before the Assembly. That the remonstrance against the Ferry arrangement has also been submitted to the Assembly and that nothing had as yet been done with the Bill against which it was intended to operate. That there appears to be a determination in the Legislature not to grant any more Lotteries: that the Memorial of the Common Council, praying for one, has been committed in the Assembly and that a Bill has been introduced but that there is no hopes of its passing. And that the Objections to the Canal Street Bill have not yet been taken up.

*A Proposal of Joshua Jones to erect a Lamp Iron before his house N° 72. Broadway, provided the Corporation will fix a Lamp therein and light [14] the same, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for a Well and pump at the corner of Water and Walnut Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th. Ward, with power to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of Nathaniel Dobbs for compensation for the injury he sets forth he has sustained in consequence of an error committed by

* Marginal note reads *See P. 54.*—ED.

Charles Loss, City Surveyor, in the Survey of his Lot in Sullivan Street, whereby he has placed his house Five feet back from the line of the Street, was referred* to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of Thomas S. Clarkson, Richard J. Tucker Roswell L. Colt and Samuel M. Thompson representing that they have nearly completed the whole of West Street in front of their Lots, between Leroy and Morton Streets, the entire front of which they understand was, without their knowledge, appropriated for a public basin; and praying remuneration of one half of the expense incurred for making said Street, and that the Corporation will relinquish the quit reserved on said Lots: was referred to the Comptroller and S[t] Commis[r]

A Memorial of Henry Waring in behalf of Sundry Merchants of this City and Freeholders in Brooklyn, requesting that they may have liberty to transport goods from this city to Brooklyn for storage and to transport the same from Brooklyn, except from the established Ferries in any vessels or boats they may think proper; and that an Ordinance may be forthwith passed to that effect, or otherwise he is authorized to write to Albany to have the "Bill granting relief in [15] "certain cases to the inhabitants of New York and of the "Town of Brooklyn" called up in the Senate, it having passed the lower House: was referred to the Ferry Committee.

An application of Philip Arnold to be appointed Inspector of Streets, was referred to the Committee on applications.

†The Committee of repairs, to whom was referred the subject of altering the names of certain Streets, reported

That the Street at present called Duane, Barley and Colden Streets, be denominated Duane Street throughout, from Rose Street to Hudson river.

And that the Streets distinguished at present as Bayard and Fisher Streets, be called Bayard from Division Street westward.

Which was confirmed, and the Superintendant of repairs directed to designate and number the Houses in said Streets accordingly.

The following report was presented.

‡The Committee to whom was referred the ||opinion of Counsel on the Report of the Street Commissioner upon the Petition of Edward M[c]Ginn, and the several documents accompanying the same, having made enquiry, by the examination of several Sworn Witnesses,

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 80.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See P. 7.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 451.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 48. 58.*—ED.

are satisfied that a partnership did exist between Hogan and Maginn: and as Patrick McCarthy holds both the power of Attorney from Maginn and the power of substitution from Hogan, and inasmuch also as Hogan in his original power of Attorney directed a particular appropriation of the money to be made when collected: The Committee are of opinion that the money ought to be paid to said McCarthy, as the Counsel thinks there would be safety in so doing; and Hogan being absent, Maginn from the circumstances of his [16] partnership, appears to be liable to pay the labourers employed, on McCarthy's leaving the said power with the Street Commissioner.

Jas Drake
Peter Mesier
Adrian Hegeman.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Reports were made by the Counsel.

The Subscriber to whom was referred the *communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of †opening Streets, respectfully reports

That from a consideration of the Act of the Legislature, referred to in said communication, he is of opinion, That as the Statute does not prescribe, what should be considered a legal Notice "where the "owner or parties interested or their Agents or legal representatives, "are not to be met with;" so as such treaty intended by the said Act can be had, no proceedings ought to take place in cases of that kind.

In giving this opinion the Subscriber is not aware of any adjudged case in our Courts upon the subject; but is induced to the same, from the general principle of Law, that Statutes affecting the rights or property of individuals are to be strictly construed.

All which is respectfully submitted.
Ja. Woods.

The Subscriber to whom was referred a ‡resolution of the Board, respecting Deeds for Hamilton Square respectfully reports

That he has examined "the Conditions of Sale" under which the the purchases were made, and nothing therein being expressed, as to which of the parties should pay for the deeds of conveyance, and there having been no [17] understanding between them respecting the same, is of opinion, that it would be adviseable and consistent with legal principle, to adopt the practice hitherto observed in similar cases by

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19* [P. 455].—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *Walker Street*.—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 3*.—Ed.

the Corporation, and which the Subscriber understands to be, that the Comptroller prepares the Deeds and the purchasers pay for them. on delivery.

Ja. Woods.

Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Bingham Mesier, and Mr Ward.

The following report was presented by the Attorney.

The undersigned has the honor to communicate to the Common Council for their consideration the draft of a Warrant of distress for the rent due the Corporation from the estate of the late Doctor Samuel Nicoll: he has taken the liberty to insert the name of Samuel Montgomery upon the recommendation and at the request of Mr Waldron Collector of the revenue.

The undersigned has the honor to inform the Board that this is the only method by which the amount of rent due, being $.370.50. can be expected to be recovered. The Administratrix of Doctor Nicoll resides in Albany, and there is no information with regard to the personal Estate that has ever come to her hands, and beyond that She is not liable for the debts of the deceased: And Mr Cornelius C. Roosevelt, the guardian of his children, has declined paying any sort of attention to the repeated applications of the undersigned to him for a settlement.

The undersigned therefore respectfully recommends that the Warrant of distress may be authenticated and issued.

S. Cowdrey.

Ordered that the same be confirmed; and that a *warrant of distress be issued accordingly.

[18] The Comptroller presented the following report.

The Comptroller has the honor to report that agreeably to an †order of the Board, passed the 13th inst. he has negotiated a Loan at the Manhattan Bank for Ten thousand Dollars, payable by a Bond at two months with interest at 6 Pr ct per an. which amount is charged to the City Treasurer.

There was due to the Manhattan Company for one years interest on Stock, the first of January last, Six thousand Dollars, and at the same time six months dividend became due to the Corporation, amount Four thousand five hundred dollars. As it will be regular in the order of business for the Manhattan Company to retain the balance of Fifteen hundred Dollars as above stated out of the Loan now effected; it

* Marginal note reads *See P. 23.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 4.*—Ed.

will be necessary for the Board to direct that the usual certificates be made out for the Treasurer to receive the dividend and pay the Interest aforesaid.

Respectfully submitted.

G. N. Bleecker, Compt^r

Warr^t N° 236.

Ordered that the same be confirmed, that a Warrant be issued for the payment of the Interest, and that the Treasurer be authorized to receive in behalf of this Board the dividend arising on its shares in the Manhattan Company.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board, that he has found from experience that the inhabitants fronting upon Streets requiring repairs, do not make their applications for that purpose until the period when the work ought to be commenced.

The Reports upon references preparing the Surveys concerning the Assessors and receiving proposals generally occupy from five to six weeks, and the consequence is that the mass of paving which [19] ought to commence early in the Spring, is begun so late as that most of the work is overtaken by the frosts before it can be completed.

In Philadelphia where the best paving is done and where it is reduced to a System, no paving is attempted after the month of Octtober, as the sand cannot dry under the Stones before the November frosts. Our work, on the contrary, from the delay of the applications is hardly commenced before that time. Other evils attend this delay. The pavers are unemployed all the Spring when the days are long: it is moreover impossible to know the quantity of Curbstone necessary for the demands of the city, and the work is hurried through in the fall to prevent a delay by cold.

To obviate in some measure these difficulties, the Street Commissioner requests permission of the Board to advertise in the papers employed by the Corporation, and by 1000. hand bills, the propriety of making early applications for paving and repaving Streets, and that the applications will be attended to according to their respective dates. This measure will induce the inhabitants to apply soon and prevent the necessity of noticing them to repair in those Streets requiring to be repaved.

Which is respectfully submitted

John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

*The Street Commissioner represented that Greenwich Street by the Bridge over Bastaver's Killetje, has washed into a ravine which has become dangerous to passengers, and is daily growing worse. That it is expedient to repair the same without loss of time: and as the Bridge has become useless by filling up the Street, he suggested the propriety of directing the Supt of repairs to view the premises and give his opinion whether it will not be to the advantage of the Board to remove the Stones from the Bridge and use them [20] for public purposes, and to fill in the Arch now left open: And if the Supt shall consider the expense more than the Stones are worth, it becomes a question whether the Street adjoining the Bridge is to be regulated by the Corporation or the people.

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs view said Bridge and report his opinion on the subject.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for improving Magazine Street.

Ordered that the same be †published in the papers employed by this Board, and in Hand bills to be posted in the vicinity of the property assessed.

‡A Report from Jacob Cholwell of the number of Lamps in this city, amounting to 1670. was referred to the Lamp Committee.

Agreeably to ‡order the Superintendant of Streets presented a Statement of the Ballances due by sundry persons for Manure, and that he knew of no better mode for collecting the same than by leaving them in his hands for that purpose, which was ordered to lie for consideration.

||The Superintendant of repairs to whom was referred the account of Messrs Hardenbrook and Nichols for new Lamps, reported that the same is correct.

Warrt Ordered that a Warrant be issued for the same: and that
No 235. the Superintendant take charge of the said Lamps

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances from No 4759 to No 4768. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

A motion by Alderman Drake that the Board proceed to the consideration of the draft of "An Ordinance [21] to provide for the "Sweeping and cleaning of the Streets in the City of New York," was, a division being called by Mr Mulligan, carried in the Affirmative as follows:

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 31.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 30.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 11.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See P. 2.*—Ed.

Affirmative			Negative.		
Aldermen	Drake		Aldermen	Mesier	
	Bingham			Hopkins	
	Wood		Messrs	Slidell	
Messrs	Hegeman			Mulligan	
	Campbell			Haight	
	Ward			Douglass	
	J. Drake	7		Hoogland.	7

The Board being equally divided, the Deputy Mayor gave his casting vote in the Affirmative.

The Ordinance was then read and considered by Sections: and on the question, shall the same pass? it was, a division being called by Mr Mulligan, carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative				Negative.		
Aldermen	Drake	Messrs	Hegeman	Aldermen	Mesier	
	Bingham		Campbell		Hopkins	
	Wood		Ward	Messrs	Mulligan	
Messrs	Slidell		Hoogland		Douglass.	
	Haight		J. Drake 10.			4.

And the Ordinance was passed accordingly.

Resolved that this Board will appoint, not more than four persons, as Assistants to the Superintendant of Streets, provided for in said Ordinance, who shall receive One Dollar and twenty five cents a day each, during the time they shall be employed.

[22] *Resolved that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures, such as the Law directs, for filling in certain Lots of ground in Spring, Sullivan and Thompson Streets, more particularly described by certain Ordinances passed by this Board, and not complied with by the Owners of said Lots.

Ordered that the Deputy Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 225	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch.....	$276.36		
226	" William Van Wart do	276.36		
227	" William Peterson do	259.56		
228	" James Snow do	259.56		
229	" Thomas Darling do	276.36		
230	" Isaac Anderson do	276.36		
				1624.56
231	George Mount for moving Watch Boxes.....			2.
232	James Woods, Counsel, Salary.....			500.
233	Jacob P. Roome, Supt repairs. do.....			154.
234	Jonathan Allen & other Marshals, for services.....			52.
235	Hardenbrook & Nichols for Lamps.....			150.
236	Henry Remsen, for Int due Manhattan Compy.....			6000.
		Total.....		$8.482.56

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 27.*—ED.

[23] In Common Council. March 27th 1809.

Present Jacob Mott Esquire, Deputy Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esqr Recorder.

Peter Mesier Samuel M. Hopkins James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood	Esquires Aldermen	Messrs John Slidell John W. Mulligan Benjamin Haight Adrian B. Hegeman Thomas J. Campbell Isaac S. Douglass Samuel Torbert Jasper Ward John Drake.	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of Cornelius C. Roosevelt, guardian of the children of Doctor Samuel Nicoll. decd praying that the *warrant of distress issued for the recovery of the quit rents due from the estate of said Nicoll, may be staid, and that his Bond payable in 6. months may be accepted in discharge thereof; was read.

Whereupon. Ordered that said warrant be Suspended on Mr Roosevelt's giving his Bond for the amount of quit rent due, payable at 6. months with interest, and also paying any charges which have accrued.

[24] Petitions of Gilbert Angevine Abraham Brinckerhoof Cornelius Cooper Epenetus Cornwell Joseph George Robert Giles James Greaton Roswell Graves Peter Paulding, and William Robb. for the appointment of Superintendant of Streets and Assistants were referred to the Committee on applications.

Petitions of Henry Wicker for stand N° 9. in Exchange Market Adam Ten Broeck, for stand N° 10 in same Market. and of John Valentine, for stand N° 32. in Hudson Market, were severally referred to the Market Committee who reported in favour of the Petitioners, which was confirmed.

A Petition of Joseph Myers. for a stand in Duane Market, was referred to the same Committee.

†A Petition of Jacob Wilkins for permission to build a Pier in Hudson river, in front of his property on West Street, South of Cortland Slip, for the accommodation of Messrs Livingston & Fulton's North river Steam Boat, was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 17.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Report P. 40.*—ED.

Memorials of Mary Lynch, and Matthew Bolmer and others remonstrating against the *Assessment for improving Magazine Street, were referred to the Street Commissioner.

[25] A Memorial of Matthew Bolmer and Tobias Hoffman, representing that Mr George Janeway has in possession several feet of Magazine Street, between the corner of Pearl and Augustus Streets, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Petitions of Jacob Lewis & Isaac Bell, for remission of the Forfeiture incurred, unintentionally, as set forth, of 465 Barrels of Virginia Flour, shipped for exportation without being inspected: were referred to Aldermen Mesier Drake and Mr Ward, with power to remit, if on investigation the same shall appear proper.

A Similar Petition of John Jephson, for remitting the like forfeiture of 50. Barrels of Virginia Flour, was referred to the same Committee with the same power.

†A Petition of David T. Fisher, to be appointed Weighmaster, was referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition of Sundry inhabitants and proprietors of Lots in Greenwich Village, for the opening of Greenwich & Hudson Streets, and the widening and regulating Charles Street, conformably to the width by which the Buildings already erected thereon have been regulated, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

On application of the Superintendant of the Alms House

Warrts
No 240
@ 243

Ordered that 4. Several Warrants, be issued *is* in his favour, for $.1000. each.

[26] The Committee appointed to agree with the Proprietors of the Pier on the West side of the Flymarket reported, that a Bond be given for the same payable at two years from the expiration of two months from the time when the ‡Report of the Committee was made, with lawful interest, and that the wharfage from that date should be paid by the proprietors of the pier to the Contractor of Wharves and Slips; which was confirmed and a Bond ordered to be given to said Proprietors under the Seal of this Board, on their delivery of a Deed in conformity with the Report of the Committee.

||The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Remmey, reported, that taking the whole of his case into consideration, they are of opinion that as the Corporation have confirmed the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 30.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *See P. 49.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 50.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 383.*—Ed.

assessment which has gone into operation, it would be his interest to comply therewith, as from the documents before the Committee, they are of opinion that he may by law recover the Sum he is assessed; which was confirmed.

The following Report was presented.

The Building Committee for the New City Hall

Report That they have maturely considered the subject of the progress that ought to be made by this Board the present Season, and are [of] opinion that it will be proper to carry up the Walls to their intended height this Summer, and to make arrangements for putting on the roof next year. And that the expense this Season is calculated between $30 and $40,000. Which is submitted for consideration.

Jacob Mott
Jas Drake
Jno Slidell.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[27] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the documents and *report of the Lamp Committee, reported, That after a full investigation of the different returns from the Captains of the Watch, the representations of the Watch Committee, the Affidavit of the Foreman of the Lamplighters and the honest confession of the Contractor, it is the opinion of the Committee that the Board have a right to consider the Contract as no longer binding: and recommended that the Lamp Committee take the Superintendance of the department until a suitable system for conducting the same be adopted by the Common Council: which was confirmed.

The Lamp Committee was also directed to treat with Mr Cholwell respecting the Oil he has on hand, and to employ a suitable person to act as Superintendant of the Lamp department until the further orders of the Board.

Ordered that the several documents alluded to in the foregoing Report together with the Bond and Contract of Jacob Cholwell for lighting the Lamps of this city, be referred to the Counsel for his opinion, how far he may be liable to damages for not fulfilling the same.

The Comptroller presented a Lease for the Lot No 32: Tryon row to George Feigenheim for 10. years from 1st May next, which was approved.

The Street Commissioner presented the following reports.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to the †resolution of the Board

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19 P. 405.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 22.*—Ed.

directing measures to be pursued for filling sunken lots in Spring Street Thompson and Sullivan Streets, has the honour to present the draft of an Ordinance for filling the [28] sunken lots in Spring Street which he recommends to be passed.

With respect to the sunken lots in Thompson and Sullivan Streets, it is expedient to observe, that until a regulation of those Streets is adopted by the Common Council, and probably until the Street is actually regulated, all ordinances of the Board for filling the Lots would be nugatory as premature proceedings, by which the proprietors would not be bound to forfeit the penalty stipulated by law, and therefore Ordinances to fill in and sell such Lots, grounded upon such premature Ordinance would be illegal and incorrect.

Thompson and Sullivan Streets remain without an adopted regulation within the meaning of the Act of the Legislature and consequently the Lots thereon, cannot be legally directed to be filled. Profiles of these Streets are in great forwardness and will be presented to the Board as soon as the regulating line can be prepared.

All which is respectfully submitted

John S. Hunn.

Whereupon an Ordinance for filling the Sunken lots in Spring Street was passed, and Gilbert Coutant Garrit Gilbert Jonath^{n} Pinkney Ebenezer Clark and George Cliland were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an Account of Isaac Van Deursen, for delivering Tickets to the Carmen employed to fill in part of the Street opposite Duane Market, which he did not consider himself justified to pass.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward and the Comptroller.

[29] *The Street Commissioner represented that being called upon by William Stone to give him a Survey of a Lot he wished to build upon on the South side of Jay Street near West Street, he found that the lot would occupy about Six feet, now used as a Stoop and as there appeared no impropriety in permitting M^{r} Stone to use the same ground for his building he directed the line to be laid out accordingly. Nothing is yet done to prevent any alteration the Board may think necessary with respect to the line of the Building.

Ordered that the subject be referred to Mess^{rs} Hegeman Douglass, and Mulligan.

*Marginal note reads *See P. 49.*—ED.

The Street Commissioner represents, that he has this day received a note from Mr Barrow, soliciting a regulation of the New Street laid out by the Corporation of Trinity Church, called Clark Street and requesting that Hudson Street may be surveyed and marked out.

The regulation of Clark Street depends entirely upon the regulations to be adopted for the Streets running into Canal Street from the North, profiles of which have been made, but the lines of regulating are not yet put thereon, owing to the loss of time occasioned by the St Commrs late indisposition. They are however in great forwardness and will be presented to the Board with all possible despatch.

Surveying and marking out Hudson Street is a desireable object and the Subscriber believes there is no reason for delaying it, and presents the following resolution on that subject.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to cause the line of Hudson Street to be surveyed and ascertained from Canal Street to Christopher Street, and that sufficient mark Stones be placed at the corners of the intersecting [30] Streets.

Which is respectfully submitted.
John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner covers the Assessment for the improvement of Magazine Street having advertised it in the several papers employed by the Corporation and by Bills as he was directed.*

No written objections have been handed to the Street Commissioner against the Assessment but several verbal remarks have been made to him against the confirmation of it, among which the following are the most prominent:

1st That Lots on Magazine Street near and at the corner of Broadway are assessed as much in proportion the number of feet in Magazine Street, where there is no additional view by the improvement, as others nearer the site of improvement and from which a view down the Street has been opened.

2d That proximity to the improvement has not been attended to, for that the Assessments upon Lots fronting the improvement and where the Street has been made wider, are very little more than upon other lots remote from the object of improvement and where nothing but an abstract benefit can be charged.

3d That Anthony Steenbach and John Crolius Junr two of the Assessors own property within the bounds of the premises so assessed,

* Marginal note reads *See P. 20.*—ED.

and are therefore interested and consequently improper persons to act as assessors. and

4th That admitting the principles upon which the Assessors appear to have made out their Assessment to be correct, they have not accurately calculated the amounts due on the several lots.

[31] The Street Commissioner is therefore of opinion that this Assessment ought to be rejected; and recommend that a new Ordinance be passed for the purpose of assessing the sums expended by the Corporation and chargeable upon them for this improvement, and takes the liberty of presenting the draft of such Ordinance for the consideration of the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted.
John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed; and the Ordinance therein mentioned was passed accordingly, and John Marschalk John Robinson Abraham O. Bogert Leonard Seaman and Alexander Clark were appointed Assessors.

The Superintendant of repairs to whom was referred the *report of the Street Commissioner respecting the Stone Drain in Greenwich Street at the outlet of Bestaver's Killetie, reported that it would not be worth the cost to remove the Stone and recommended that the Drain remain as at present until the Street is regulated, and that in the mean time the Road Committee be instructed to repair the road which is very dangerous for carriages; Which was confirmed.

†The Superintendant of repairs further reported that a new Well and pump had been placed at the intersection of George, Lombard & Cheapside Streets.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances, from N° 4769. to 4798. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

[32] Resolved that the Street Commissioner confer with Mr Charles Larue owner of the Lot of ground situate at the corner of Bancker & Pearl Streets and report the ‡terms he may ask for so much of said Lot as may be required to extend Bancker Street on a straight line to Pearl Street, with a map thereof.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures for opening Hudson Street, from the ground of Mr John Jacob Astor to Christopher Street.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 19.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 1.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 40.*—ED.

The following Resolution submitted by Mr Ward was referred to Counsel, for his opinion, whether agreeably to Law, this Corporation can establish Two Public pounds in this City and County:

Resolved that a Public Pound be erected in the Town of Harlem.

Fire Engine Company No 2.

Moses Frazer, was appointed Fireman, in the place of John Strang. absent. The Chief Engineer certifying a correspondent vacancy.

Ordered that the Deputy Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 237.	John Mackay, for painting Watchmans Caps.....			$7.50
238	Simeon Skilling, for a lost Fire Bucket.....			2.
239	Hardenbrook & Nichols, for repairs to Fire Engines.....			2009.62
240	William Mooney. Supt of Alms House.....		$1000.	
241	do	do	1000	
242	do	do	1000	
243	do	do	1000	
				4000.
		Total.....		$.6019.12

The Board proceeded to the appointment, by ballot, of a Superintendant of Streets, and Four Assistants; when on examining the Ballots, the following persons were duly elected, Vizt Roswell Graves. Supt of Streets. Mott Hicks Peter V. Tillyou Casparus Romaine and James Tripp. Assistants.

[33] In Common Council. April. 3d 1809

Present De Witt Clinton, Esquire, Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esqr Recorder.

		Messrs John Slidell	
Jacob Mott, Dep. Mayor		John W. Mulligan	
Peter Mesier		Benjamin Haight	
Samuel M. Hopkins	Esquires	Adrian B. Hegeman	
James Drake	Aldermen	Thomas J. Campbell	Assistants.
John Bingham		Isaac S. Douglass	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward	
		Abraham Hoogland	
		John Drake.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor, on his return from Albany, took his seat at the Board, and presented Letters patent from the Commissioners of the Land Office, "granting to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the "City of New York and their Successors forever all the right and title

" of the People of this State to the lands covered with water along the " Easterly shore of the North or Hudson river, contiguous to and ad- " joining the lands of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty " within the said City of New York at and from low water mark and " running Four hundred feet into the said river from Bestaver's " killetje or river, to the distance of Four Miles [34] to the north " along the easterly shore of the said North or Hudson river, and also " all the land covered with water along the westerly shore of the East " river or Sound contiguous to and adjoining the lands of the said " Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty at and from low water mark and " extending four hundred feet into the said river or sound from the " North side of Corlaers Hook at the northerly boundary of the lands " covered with water whereof the said Mayor Aldermen and Com- " monalty are now seized to the distance of two Miles to the north " along the westerly shore of the said East river or sound: Provided " always that the proprietor or proprietors of the land adjacent shall " have the pre-emptive right in all grants made by the Corporation of " said City of any lands under water granted to the said Corpora- " tion " by the act passed the 3d day of April. 1807. " To have and " to hold the above described and granted premises unto the said " Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and " their Successors as a good and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance " forever." Which Letters patent under the Great Seal of this State is signed by His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins Governor and dated in Albany. 26th Decr 1807. and recorded in Lib. Pat. No 24. Page 251. &ca

Ordered that the same be filed in the Comptrollers Office.

The Mayor also presented certified copies of *" An Act respecting Streets in the City of N York." and " An Act to invest the Mayor " Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, with further " powers relating to the regulation of Pawn Brokers." both passed. 24th March. 1809. which were ordered to be filed in the Clerk's Office.

[35] The Mayor further informed the Board that the †Bill to regulate the making [of] surveys in this city, had passed both houses of the Legislature, but had not been returned from the Council of Revision: And that the †Memorial for raising money by Lottery towards completing the New City Hall, had not been acted upon.

A Petition of Peter G. Stuyvesant for a grant of the Soil under

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 365.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 422.*—ED.

Water in front of his property along the East river, was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Patrick Eniver for Stand N° 9. Flymarket, was referred to the Market Committee, who forthwith reported in favour of the Petitioner, which was confirmed.

A recommendation from sundry inhabitants in Harlem in favour of appointing William Perkins to keep a Butchers Stand at that place, was referred *to the Same Committee.

A Petition of Henry D. Tripp, to be appointed keeper of the Park, was referred to the Committee on applications, who forthwith reported in favour of the Petitioner; which was confirmed.

A Petition of Assel Palmer to be appointed Bell Carman, was referred to the same Committee.

An application of John Griscom, requesting that an Ordinance may be passed for repaving Green Street, was referred to Aldermen Hopkins Drake, and Mr Haight.

A Memorial of Joseph Conklin, on the subject of a ballance due him for paving Rynder Street was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[36] A Memorial of Jacob Cholwell on the subject of his contract for lighting the public Lamps, requesting that he may be continued until the expiration of his first Year, the 10th of August, offering to render every Service in his power to the Superintendant who may be appointed, and to pay his Salary till that period, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of George Feigenheim, for permission to transfer the Lease of Lot N° 32 Tryon row to Peter Lorrillard, was granted.

Col. Ogden applied for leave to withdraw his †Petition, which was granted.

A Communication from Alderman Drake, offering the resignation of his seat in this Board on account of his intended removal out of the 4th Ward: was referred to the Counsel for his opinion, whether, agreeably to Charter, the same can be accepted.

Mr Hooghland also gave Notice of his intention to remove from this city.

Warrts N° 262. 263 264. On application, ordered that 3. Several Warrants be issued in favour of John H. Sickles, on account of the Building Committee for $1000. each.

* Marginal note reads *p: 67.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 3.*—ED.

Warrt No 265. Ordered that a warrant be issued in favour of Alderman Bingham, on account of the Committee of repairs, for $.300.

Aldermen Drake, Mesier and Mr Campbell were appointed a Standing Committee on Streets.

The Market Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Myers, reported in favour thereof; which was confirmed.

Ordered that the Deputy Clerk of the Market assign said Myers a Stand in Duane Market.

[37] The Committee of repairs to whom was referred the subject of altering the names of Lombard and Little Water Streets

Reported that the Street now called Lombard Street be named Lombardy Street, and that the Street called Little Water Street be named Anthony Street, and regarded as a continuation of said Anthony Street.

Ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Superintendant of repairs designate said Streets accordingly.

The following report was received from the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell.

The Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell respectfully report.

That having closed the business of issuing provisions to the Out door poor they beg leave to lay before the Board a statement of their proceedings from the commencement to the present time.

That from January 6th 1809 to the 31st March, they have issued

76.019. Rations, each ration consisting of One lb of Bread, half lb. of Pork and one quart of Bean Porridge valued at 10. Cents pr ration	$.7.601.90
1799½ Loads of Wood amounting to	4.366. 3
Paid persons employed in assisting	215.25
Cash expended by Chs A. W. McPherson for the relief of sick and outdoor poor	602.77
Dollars.	12.785.95

In submitting this Report, the Commissioners cannot omit the opportunity it affords of calling the attention of the Board and their Fellow Citizens to an imposition daily practised and which reflects disgrace on our city: It is Street begging. [38] The numerous benevolent Societies and their exertions for the relief of the poor this winter, are too well known to need recapitulation: Yet it is a lament-

able fact that our Streets swarm with beggars, and would lead to the conclusion, especially with Strangers, that the poor are but illy provided for; whereas it is a truth, within our knowledge, that many who have been regularly supplied at the Alms House with Food, Fuel and other necessaries, have applied and obtained supplies from other humane institutions. Not content with practising these impositions they have been found in the act of Street begging; we therefore humbly conceive that for the credit of the city, these paupers should be discountenanced, especially when it is considered, that all the indigent can, by application, be relieved through the public channel.

All which is respectfully submitted

Jnº J. Westervelt
John H. Sickels
James Teller
John McKesson.

Ordered that the same be published.

A report from the Police Office, that Captain Snow had suspended Jacob Lyman, for sleeping on his post, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A report from the Counsel, to whom was referred the Bond of Jacob Cholwell and Burnell Brown, conditioned for the said Jacob's faithful complying with a certain contract therein specified, together with documents tending to show his non compliance therewith: That he is of opinion that the said Jacob has broken his contract with this Corporation, and that an action at law can be maintained against him for such breach; was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Counsel to whom it was referred for his opinion, whether the Corporation has the power of erecting and keeping more than One Pound [39] in this city, reported,

That as there is no limitation in the Act to the number of Pounds to be kept in the several Cities and towns of Counties in this State, and decisions of the common law recognize not only as a pound "the "Close of the party making the distress, but the common Pound "erected for that immediate purpose": He is [of] opinion that the Corporation have the power to designate and keep as many Pounds in this City, as in their judgment shall be for the public good.

Whereupon Resolved that a Public pound be erected in the Town of Harlem.

The Board proceeded to the appointment of a Keeper and George C. Duryee, was duly appointed.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the *Petition of William Ogden and John R. Murray, soliciting a grant of a Water Lot from high Watermark to West Street, at the North corner of Beach Street, One hundred feet in width, reported that it would be proper to issue a grant on the customary terms subject to the usual restrictions for regulating Streets: Which was confirmed.

†The Comptroller presented an engrossed Deed to Peter P. Van Zandt for a Water Lot at the corner of South Street on the west side of Burling Slip, approved by the Counsel, which was ordered to be sealed and delivered.

‡The Comptroller also presented an engrossed Deed to Benjamin Ferris for a Water Lot on the South side of Front Street near the Crane Wharf, approved as aforesaid, which was ordered to be sealed and delivered.

||The Comptroller presented a Lease to Stephen Gould, for the Lot corner of Broad & Wall Streets, which was referred to the Counsel for examination.

[40] A report of the Street Commissioner on the subject of appointing some active discreet persons for two or three months for the special purpose of notifying every part of the City, where the walks or pavements may require to be repaved, was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Street Commissioner, in conformity with the §resolution of the Common Council, reported that he had called upon Mr Charles LaRue respecting the value of his ground at the corner of Bancker and Pearl Streets, required for the purpose of widening Bancker Street, and that he demands $5500. for the same.

Whereupon Ordered that the Street Commissioner take the usual legal measures to have the same appraized by a Jury.

The following Report was presented.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the ¶application from Jacob Wilkins for leave to carry out a new pier on his waters from West Street to the Southward of the pier he has lately agreed with the Corporation to carry out on the South side of Cortland Street have the honor to report.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19, P. 383.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 108 433.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *See Vol. 19. P. 369, 390, 451.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *See P. 58.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *See P. 32.*—ED. ¶ Marginal note reads *See P. 24.*—ED.

That the principle inducement for Mr Wilkins to make this application at this time arises from the solicitation of Messrs Livingston & Fulton who are desirous of obtaining an insulated situation for their Steam boat which is to ply from this City to Albany.

That from the construction of the Steam Boat the undersigned are persuaded she would suffer considerable injury and frequently be rendered unfit for service if she was obliged in common with other vessels to be interfered with in coming in or going out: and that therefore [41] it is of the utmost importance to the success of the proprietors of that invention, to prepare a special place for her moorings.

The undersigned are informed that Mr Edward Bardin who owns the water right adjoining Mr Wilkins on the South, has consented that the pier petitioned for by Mr Wilkins shall be erected in such manner, as that the centre line of the pier shall be along their division line and consequently that the Basin to be formed by these two Piers, will be of sufficient extent, being about 80 feet, to accommodate other vessels in case the Steam Boat should cease to use it.

The undersigned further report that they are informed that by the present practice of the Harbour Master, any Wharf or pier being unoccupied, is liable to be filled by vessels desirous of mooring thereto: in which case it would be defeating the object of the proprietors of the Steam boat, who wish an exclusive right to use the waters between the two aforesaid piers. How far the Board are authorized to grant such priviledge, is for themselves to judge: But the undersigned are of opinion that if any arrangement can be made with the Harbour Master to prevent an incroachment of the priviledge in this particular case, and the Board should permit Mr Wilkins and Mr Bardin to carry out the pier, that it will tend much to the advantage of the Corporation, inasmuch as it will increase the trade near their ferry at Cortland Street, and render a facility of communication from thence to the seat of the government of this State, never before equalled, and thereby also perform a real service to the community.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner are therefore of opinion that the Board ought to grant the petition of Mr Wilkins, upon the condition [42] however that the said pier be carried out 30 feet wide and upon the line as aforesaid, and upon the further condition that Mr Wilkins forthwith enter into a written agreement with the Street Commissioners and Comptroller for the completion of the previous

pier, within one Year, as heretofore directed by the Board and which he confesses his willingness to do.

All which is respectfully submitted.
G. N. Bleecker, Compt^r
John S. Hunn. S^t Comm^r

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

A report of the Street Commissioner representing that considerable depredations were committed on the manure at the Collect, and submitting whether it would be proper to appoint some person, at the expense of this Board, to protect the same, was referred to Aldermen Bingham Wood, and Mesier with power to appoint such person if in their judgement it should be expedient.

The report of the Street Commissioner with returns of delinquents on the Assessments for paving Oak, Chesnut and Pearl Streets was called up and Warrants to compel payment were issued in favour of Henry Van Pelt.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting nuisances, from N° 4799 to N° 4824. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

The City Inspector presented a general return of the Deaths in this City for the Year 1808: which owing to the pressure of public business in his department, had been hitherto delayed: Which [43] return is accompanied with a comparative statement of Deaths and Diseases in this city, during the Years 1802. 4. 5. 6. and 1807.

Ordered that the same be published.

General Return of Deaths in the City of New York for the Years 1802. 4. 5. 6. 7 and 1808.

N B. the Total only is given for the Years 1802-4. The reports for 1803. are so defective, that an estimate could not be formed.

		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
January	1805	57	55	37	29	178
	1806	63	23	34	26	146
	1807	44	37	43	34	158
	1808	51	36	39	36	162
February	1805	47	41	36	22	146
	1806	41	43	27	23	134
	1807	70	27	41	28	166
	1808	58	41	40	33	172

		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
March	1805	46	30	26	27	129
	1806	47	40	37	44	168
	1807	59	37	40	44	180
	1808	74	49	63	38	224
April	1805	71	44	38	26	179
	1806	70	48	29	40	187
	1807	75	64	36	40	215
	1808	66	38	34	39	177
May	1805	37	33	31	22	123
	1806	61	40	44	30	175
	1807	53	41	26	25	145
	1808	43	23	34	37	137
June	1805	33	29	32	33	127
	1806	47	34	41	26	148
	1807	50	35	20	22	127
	1808	42	43	26	20	131
July	1805	49	44	63	46	202
	1806	53	45	55	49	212
	1807	56	40	59	40	195
	1808	52	30	49	48	179
August	1805	52	54	115	98	319
	1806	50	38	92	75	255
	1807	86	71	81	90	328
	1808	43	29	53	59	184
September	1805	116	82	51	47	296
	1806	73	47	59	63	242
	1807	81	51	79	75	286
	1808	51	29	57	43	180
[44]						
October	1805	128	104	56	61	349
	1806	56	52	39	30	177
	1807	50	43	40	39	172
	1808	46	32	30	25	133
November	1805	51	42	28	19	140
	1806	58	50	42	31	181
	1807	54	40	25	39	158
	1808	40	39	34	38	151
December	1805	61	50	31	22	164
	1806	63	47	56	34	200
	1807	63	43	30	46	182
	1808	52	48	47	37	184

Ages.	1805	1806	1807	1808
At the Age of One Year & under	513	522	537	435
Between the Age of 1 and 2 Yrs	210	242	208	224
2 & 5	157	190	176	161
5 & 10	74	75	78	93
10 & 20	130	111	111	119
20 & 30	351	250	295	244
30 & 40	336	284	319	271
40 & 50	239	223	218	187
50 & 60	155	122	165	114
60 & 70	102	102	97	75
70 & 80	61	62	68	64
80 & 90	28	34	34	24
90 & 100	5	8	5	3
100 & upwards	1	....	1	....
Total	2352	2225	2312	2014

Diseases	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808
Abscess	7	5	3	7	6
Aneurism	...	1	...	1	...
Apoplexy	22	31	20	38	23
Asthma	6	3	11	3	5
Burned or scalded	11	14	18	6	12
Cancer	7	6	10	5	4
Casualties	24	21	24	27	24
Child bed	16	12	14	11	20
Cholera Morbus	9	19	9	8	7
Chlorosis	1	...	...	...	...
Cholic	5	...	4	9	...
Cold	18	15	25	10	14
[45] Consumption	499	462	354	464	429
Convulsions	169	192	195	219	159
Cramp in the Stomach	3	1	1	4	5
Carbuncle	...	1	...	...	1
Caries	...	1	...	...	1
Chorea	...	1	...	...	1
Debility	37	49	62	59	43
Decay	43	62	140	112	89
Diabetes	...	1	...	1	...
Diarrhœa	13	16	1	7	3
Drinking Cold Water	...	11	...	1	1
Dropsy	68	83	89	98	91
" in the head	19	16	22	30	28
Drowned	24	32	35	31	42
Dysentery	46	60	52	30	24
Dyspepsia	...	...	...	1	...
Epilepsy	5	7	16	8	...
Fever bilious	8	22	11	9	3
hectic	...	2	3	5	3
inflammatory	1	9	6	3	1
intermittent	5	4	7	3	5
malignant	...	270	...	...	...
puerperal	...	5	1	1	3
putrid	6	3	3	2	3
remittent	9	...	9	3	10
scarlet	14	4	...	2	4
typhus	47	75	93	106	62

Diseases.	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808
Flux infantile	27	195	166	162	120
Fracture	...	...	...	4	2
Frostbitten	...	4	2	2	...
Gout	...	2	3	1	...
Gravel	5	3	6	4	3
Hanged	...	...	2	...	...
Hæmoptysis (spitting blood)	1	4	3	4	...
Hæmorrhage	4	...	3	1	...
Hernia	...	...	...	...	3
Hives	75	70	106	101	94
Jaundice	3	4	4	9	13
Infanticide	1	4	2	1	5
Inflammation of the Bladder	1	...	...	1	...
" " Bowels	27	17	31	29	18
46] Inflammation of the Brain	8	17	16	10	17
" " " Lungs	36	53	58	58	40
" " " Stomach	12	6	14	14	11
Influenza	3	2	...	16	2
Insanity	3	5	7	8	7
Intemperance	12	17	11	14	18
Leprosy	...	...	...	1	...
Leucorrhœa	...	...	...	...	1
Locked Jaw	7	6	7	2	4
Manslaughter	...	...	...	1	...
Mænorrhagia	...	...	...	3	...
Measles	2	...	...	1	64
Mortification	9	9	11	17	20
Murdered	2	3	4	1	1
Nervous Head Ach	...	...	...	2	...
Old Age	39	46	57	51	49
Palsy	14	15	20	23	16
Pleurisy	36	32	41	46	44
Quinsy	9	6	4	5	4
Rheumatism	...	3	3	4	5
Rickets	...	...	...	...	1
Rupture of a blood vessel	4	6	7	4	6
St. Anthony's Fire	...	5	7	4	...
Scrofula or Kings evil	6	4	4	4	4
Scurvy	1	1	6	...	1
Small Pox	169	62	48	29	62
Sore throat	10	8	17	17	13
Spasms	...	...	...	2	2
Sprue	23	23	36	32	16
Stillborn	22	47	51	76	64
Stone	...	...	...	2	...
Sudden Death	37	18	27	34	21
Suicide	10	26	15	16	8
Syphilis	9	14	12	15	10
Teething	33	30	44	35	37
Thrush	...	...	...	2	...
Vomica	3	...	...	3	...
Vomiting Blood	...	1	1	...	...
Ulcer	4	5	6	4	1
White Swelling	1	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	19	19	72	35	35
Worms	27	34	45	60	43
Total	2125	2352	2225	2312	2014

[47] Total Amount of Deaths in this City for 6. Years.

	Deaths.	
*1802	1930	*From official returns.
†1803	..	†Reports this year defective.
1804	2125	
‡1805	2352	†Malignant fever prevailed.
1806	2225	
1807	2312	
1808	2014	

Remarks.

Casualties. This head comprehends accidental Deaths, as persons killed in consequence of falls. &c. &c.

Consumption. The amount of Deaths under this head must be accepted with considerable allowance, as there is just reason to apprehend that many are returned having died of Consumption, from the difficulty of ascertaining the precise Malady. With every abatement, however, it is a very alarming Disease, incidental in some degree to our Latitude, but undoubtedly aggravated by the imprudent adoption of Fashions in Dress adapted to more genial climes.

Drowned. With the increase of our population and navigation this head progressively increases

Infanticide. In a country where so little pretext is afforded for the commission of this horrid and unnatural crime, it is to be lamented that any instances should occur.

Small Pox. The extension of Vaccination, will, it is confidently hoped, finally exterminate this once afflicting scourge. The number of instances have however increased the last Year, which ought to attract the attention of the Faculty.

Suicide. Instances still occur of this most awful crime.

"Mr. Moore," according to the Encyclopædia Britannica, "who "lately published a full enquiry [48] into the subject of Suicide, was "at great pains to obtain accurate information concerning the perpe- "tration of this crime in different countries."

Of which the following are the results.

	Population.	Su[i]cides
"Paris. Mercier who wrote in 1782 says that the annual number of Suicides was then about		150.
"The population of Paris at that period was probably about	700.000.	
"Geneva	25.000.	8
"London	800.000.	32
"Edinburgh	80.000.	4
"Kent (a county in England)	200.000.	32

	Population.	Su[i]cides
"Average number of suicides in England.....		1000.
Population, presumed	8.000.000.	
The average number of Suicides in this City for 5 Years.....		15.
Average population during same period.....	78.000.	

It is to be observed that the Returns of Deaths in this City and County are perfectly accurate. Stricter attention ought to be paid by Physicians in giving their certificates of the diseases of which their patients died.

Should the Corporation persevere in enforcing accurate returns of Deaths and Diseases, the Bills of Mortality will, in a series of years, become incalculably useful, not only to Medical professors, but for various other important purposes.

All which is respectfully submitted.

John Pintard.

City Inspecr

*Ordered that the Report of the Committee upon the contest between the Attornies of James Hogan, relative to the money due him for repaving Thomas and other Streets, with the accompanying papers, be again referred to the Council of this [49] Board for a more particular report thereon, and to prepare the draft of such Bond of indemnity as he may deem expedient to be taken by this Corporation, from the person the said Counsel may consider best entitled to receive the money.

The Committee on Wharves, Slips and Piers were instructed to take measures for the security and protection of the Mud Machines belonging to this Corporation.

The same Committee was also charged with the subject of appropriating suitable births for Hay Boats at Duane Basin.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward were added to the †Committee relating to William Stone's Lot; and empowered to give such directions in the premises, as may appear expedient.

‡Ordered that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures to ascertain the west line of West Street.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner prepare a Survey, profile & Ordinance for filling in & regulating Pitt Street from Stanton Street to North Street, & that the City Inspecr prepare Ordinances directing the several proprietors to fill in the adjoining lots & the sunken lots on Stanton between Pitt and Willett Streets.

* Marginal note reads *See P. 15. 58.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 29.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *See Report P. 58.*—ED.

The following appointments were made

Stephen Ludlam and Caspar Krapff City Surveyors. David T. Fisher. Weighmaster.

Agreeably to Law, the Board proceeded to nominate Inspectors of the ensuing general Election when the following persons were duly appointed; and the Clerk directed to give them notice accordingly.

	First Ward.	James W. Lent
		Jacob Sherred
		John Haff.
[50]	Second Ward.	Elias Nexsen
		John Depeyster
		George Griswold.
	Third Ward.	Henry Rogers
		Abraham E. Brouwer
		John L. Van Kleeck.
	Fourth Ward.	Willett Coles
		Abraham Bloodgood
		James Tylee.
	Fifth Ward.	John W. Elsworth
		Edward W. Laight
		Benjamin Romaine.
	Sixth Ward.	William Torrey
		Stephen Ludlam
		Richard L. Walker.
	Seventh Ward.	William Hunter
		Benjamin S. Knapp.
		James Mitchill.
	Eighth Ward.	Peter H. Wendover
		Henry Brevoort
		Joseph Watkins.
	Ninth Ward.	Jacobus Dykeman
		Cornelius Kip
		Nicholas Depeyster.
	Tenth Ward.	Benjamin Thurston
		Solomon Wheeler
		Richard Berrian.

Assize of Bread.

Superfine Flour Inspected 56/ per Bb.....	48.	Oz for	One Shillg
do do	24	"	Six pence
do mixt with Fine Indian.....	52	"	One Shg
do do	26.	"	Six pence
do mixt with Rye Flour.....	55	"	One Shg
do do	27	"	Six pence
Rye Flour .....36/ per Bb.	63	"	One Shg
do do	31	"	Six pence

New York. April 1st 1809. Dan. Phœnix.
City Treasurer.

[51] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

N° 244.	Capt Nicholas Lawrence, City Watch.....		$276.36	
245	" William Van Wart, dº		276.36	
246	" William Peterson, dº		266.56	
247	" James Snow dº		266.56	
248	" Thomas Darling dº		276.36	
249	" Isaac Anderson dº		276.36	
				1638.54
250	John Pintard, City Inspector,.....Salary.....			312.50
251	James Hardie, Assistant to dº dº			62.50
252	Andrew Otterson, dº dº			54.
253	Edward Moran dº dº			54.
254	William P. Roome, Keeper of Potters field. dº.....			31.
255	David King, for rooms for Gd Jury &ca.....			77.31
256	James Cheetham, half year Subscripn for Am. Citizen.....			38.50
257	Robinson & Curtis, for Coach hire.....			32.
258	James McLean, for 2. lost Fire buckets.....			4.
259	James Richardson, repairing Wells.....			34.50
260	Henry Van Pelt, Asst for dº Streets.....			129.74
261	William Bridges, for surveying.....			22.50
262	John H. Sickles, on Acct Building Commte.....		$1000.	
263	dº dº		1000	
264	dº dº		1000	
				3000.
265	John Bingham Esqr for acct Commr repairs.....			300.
		Total.....		$5.791. 9

[52] In Common Council. April. 10th 1809.

Present De Witt Clinton, Esquire Mayor.

Jacob Mott, Esq. Dep. Mayor Peter Mesier Samuel M. Hopkins John Bingham Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish	Esquires Aldermen.	Messrs John Slidell John W. Mulligan Benjamin Haight Adrian Hegeman. Thomas J. Campbell Samuel Torbert.	Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor presented a letter addressed to him, signed "A Well Wisher to the Community at large," representing N° 5 Murray Street, a place of public entertainment, as most infamously conducted and tending, by means of its abandoned allurements, to seduce and ruin the

Youth of this city; which was read and ordered to be presented to the Grand Jury now sitting.

*An application of John E. West and others requesting that the Streets around Hudson square may be regulated, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and the Street Commr

An application of Anderson & Pilcaithly on the subject of a Balle of $.92. due them for curbstone delivered for paving Mulberry Street, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 6th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

[53] A Memorial of James Hogan on the subject of the monies due him on Assessments for paving certain Streets, proposing that the Street Commissioner should receive and pay the same to sundry persons to whom he is indebted, was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

An application of John Murray Junr in behalf of himself and other proprietors of the Pier on the West Side of Flymarket Slip, reviving their claim for compensation for the occupation of said pier by the Fishermen, piling their Fish Cars; was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Charles Weatherspoon and William Gibson, for permission to interchange Stands No 28 & 34. Hudson market, was referred to the Market Committee, who forthwith reported in favour thereof, which was confirmed.

A certificate of Robert Brown and others representing that Mary Slater is in such indigent circumstances as render her incapable of paying the sum assessed to her for repaving Bancker Street, was referred† to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward, with power to extend relief if proper.

A Petition of William Robb for permission to occupy, for the purpose of selling liquors, the small wooden Shed at the North west entrance of the Battery, which was erected last Summer for the accommodation of the workmen employed on the public fortifications, was referred to the Committee relating to the Battery, who forthwith reported against the Same, and that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to cause said Shed to be removed forthwith, which was confirmed.

‡A Petition of William Bridges to be reappointed City Surveyor, was referred to the Committee on applications.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 60.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *R. p. 106.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 63.*—Ed.

[54] A Petition of the inhabitants and proprietors in the vicinity of Peck Slip, that said Slip may be filled as far as Front Street, and that Piers may be carried out in the middle and on the West side thereof, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Slips and piers.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for laying out a Street from the Bowery, in continuation of Mulberry Street to Broadway was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity for Lamps at the upper end of Mott Street, was referred to the Lamp Committee, with power to grant.

The Same Committee was empowered to fix a Lamp, agreeably to the *proposal of Joshua Jones before his House N° 72. Broadway.

A Petition of John Dikeman, requesting this Board to erect a Small Building at the Flymarket Slip, for the accommodation of the Ferry men, as he can no longer hire a suitable place in the vicinity, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Memorial of William Harrison and James Aymar, remonstrating against permitting William Stone to advance his Building in West Street at the corner of Jay Street, in front of the line of their Houses, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th. Ward and the Street Commissioner.

Ordered that the permission granted to William Stone for advancing his Building on West Street be postponed until said Committee report.

An Application of Jacob Cholwell, for a Warrant for $2500. on account of his contract for lighting the public Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee. Comptroller and Counsel.

[55] A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity of Catherine Slip Ferry, for peace officers to prevent disturbances and riots on Sundays, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th. Ward.

Mr Hitchcock, Contractor for cleaning the Streets of this City, proposed Daniel M. Hitchcock and Edward Hitchcock as Sureties for the Bond to be given by him for the faithful execution of his contract, who were approved.

Henry Shute was appointed an additional Assistant to the Superintendant of Streets.

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* Marginal note reads *See P. 13.*—ED.

A Draft of an Ordinance relating to Swine running at large in this city, was referred to Counsel.

*The Committee appointed on the remonstrance of Peter P. Van Zandt against the Assessment for repairing the Wharf along South Street, reported That said Assessment, in their opinion, was correct, and that no deduction ought to be made in his favour, which was confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Ann Walker, Widow of James Walker dec[d]

Report

That in their opinion it is proper that one or more bonds, as may best accommodate said Ann Walker be executed by the Corporation to said Ann, Administratrix of the estate of the said James Walker, conditioned for the payment of the amount of principal and interest due to the said Estate on account of the assessment of damages made in favour of the said James Walker for his ground appropriated by the Corporation to the opening of Canal Street: and the [56] said Bonds be made payable in one, two and three Years, from the date with interest on the said amount of principal and interest, until the same shall be paid: And that the Comptroller be directed to deliver the said Bonds to the said Ann Walker whenever she shall produce to him a certificate from the Counsel of this Board, or whenever the said Comptroller shall be in any other way satisfied that the mortgages at present on the said property so appropriated by the Corporation are satisfied and cancelled on record.

John Bingham
John Slidell
Thomas J. Campbell
Samuel Torbert.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The same Committee presented the following report.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of M[rs] Duryee respecting the money due to her for part of Amity Street, have examined into the nature of her claim, and are of opinion that a Warrant for Fifteen Hundred Dollars ought to be directed to issue in her favour on that account as she has solicited, and recommend that the same issue accordingly.

The Committee have under their consideration the propriety of

* Marginal note reads *See P. 3.*—ED.

making a deduction upon that assessment and request further time to make up their opinion upon that subject.

John Bingham
John Slidell
Samuel Torbert
Thomas J. Campbell.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The following Report was also presented by the same Committee.

[57] The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that under the pressure for money, measures be immediately taken for the Sale of the Inclenberg Lots, lately belonging to the Estate of James Walker; That the whole of the property now lying on the Collect be sold at perpetual Lease subject to a quit of per Year. Also that the Lots adjoining Hamilton Square be either sold or leased out till the Leases of the adjoining Lots expire.

John Bingham
Samuel Torbert
Thos J. Campbell
Jn° Slidell.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Same Committee informed the Board that they have agreed with Mr Everitt at the corner of Anthony & Elm Streets, a respectable citizen, to take charge of all the manure on the Collect and to dispose of the same, on as good terms as possible, for which they have promised him a reasonable compensation: Which was confirmed.

The following Report was presented by the Counsel.

The Subscriber to whom was referred the *Communication from Alderman Drake, one of the members of this Honorable Board, respectfully reports.

That upon consideration of the facts and reasons stated therein, as also of the Charter and Law upon the case presented, is of opinion that the request of the Honorable Member for a resignation of his seat cannot be complied with by the Corporation

The Charter as originally formed and the amendments or alterations subsequently made by the Legislature provide for the time of election, the [58] qualification of the Electors and of the Elected, and also for those instances where any one of the Aldermen, Assistants, Assessors, Collectors or Constables duly elected and Sworn should happen to die, or remove out of the City; but no provision is made for

* Marginal note reads *See P. 36.*—ED.

a new Election, where the Officer removes from one Ward to another or should, during the period of his time of Service, temporarily be absent from the city.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Ja. Woods.

The Counsel to whom was referred *the report of the Committee on the contest between the Attornies of James Hogan, reported; That having reviewed his former opinion and reexamined the documents upon which the same was given, and having duly considered the opinion expressed by the Committee, together with the testimony exhibited to them, he concurred with them, and presented the draft of a bond of indemnity to be executed by Mr McCarthy and his security: Which was approved.

The Comptroller presented the †Lease to Stephen Gould, approved by the Counsel, which was confirmed and ordered to be executed under the Seal of this Board.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

‡The Street Commissioner has the honour to report: That he has caused the soundings in Hudson river to be taken opposite Marketfield Street, with a view to determine upon the distance the West line of West Street, called the permanent line, ought to be extended into the river: That there is but Twenty nine and a half feet water, at low tide, Two hundred and fifty feet from the East side of Washington Street, and that at Two hundred & sixty feet the water is no deeper.

[59] If the Street is carried out to the distance of Two hundred and Fifty feet, it will afford a block of One hundred and twenty feet between Washington Street and West Street, on the line of Marketfield Street, which is as great breadth as appears to have been intended by the Common Council when they directed Mr Mangin to make the Map of that Shore which accompanys this report.

When it is considered that a greater extension into the river will interfere with the range of the Guns of the intended Crown Battery opposite the Flagstaff, it is presumed the Board will agree that the aforesaid distance of Two hundred and Fifty feet from the east side of Washington Street, is as far as it will be prudent to establish the permanent line at that point.

As it is expedient that the Board should fix upon the precise point from which this line is to run previous to the Commencement of the

* Marginal note reads *See P. 48.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 39.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *See P. 49.*—Ed.

Survey directed at their last meeting, the Street Commissioner proposes the following resolution which in his opinion ought to be passed.

Resolved, That the West side of West Street, commonly called the permanent line, between Courtlandt Street and Marketfield Street be, and the same is hereby established to run in one continued Straight line from a point Seventy feet westerly from the brick work of the Northwesterly corner of the large Brick house lately built by Jacob Wilkins at the S. W. Corner of Courtlandt and West Streets to a point which in a continuation of the North line of Marketfield Street; will be Two hundred and fifty feet westerly from the Brick work of the Southwesterly corner of the Brick Store lately built by John Kearney at the corner of Marketfield and Washington Streets: and that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to survey and mark out the said West Street accordingly.

All which is respectʸ submitted

John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

[60] The Street Commissioner presented the following report.

The Street Commissioner having been repeatedly solicited by a Committee of the proprietors of Lots fronting on Hudson Square, to give them a regulation of the Street for the purpose of fixing their fences and buildings as near as possible to the height of the walks when the Streets will be paved, has caused correct profiles to be made of such parts of Hudson, Laight, Varick and Beach Streets as front the Square and with the Assistance of Mʳ Charles Loss, City Surveyor, and the approbation of Mʳ Thomas Barrow, Agent for the Corporation of Trinity Church, fixed regulating lines upon them, which he is of opinion will produce the best regulation of the ground for beauty and convenience, as will appear from an inspection of the profiles thereof made by Charles Loss and herewith presented.

The Street Commissioner therefore proposes that the following resolutions be passed.

Resolved, That Hudson Street between Beach and Laight Streets, be regulated from the top of a mark Stone situate at the kennel of the northwesterly corner of the intersection of Hudson and Beach Streets, which is the height of the intended kennel there, with a descent of nine tenths of an inch on every ten feet for the distance of Two hundred and twenty nine and a half feet, to the Southerly kennel of Hubert Street: Thence with an ascent of one inch upon every ten feet for the distance of Two hundred and Thirty eight feet to the Southerly

kennel of Laight Street agreeably to a profile made by Charles Loss, dated the 7th inst.

Resolved further, That Laight Street be regulated from the regulation of the kennel of Hudson Street, [61] at the South Easterly corner of Hudson and Laight Streets with a descent of One and a quarter inches on every ten feet for the distance of Four hundred and Thirty seven and a half feet to the kennel of Varick Street: thence with the same descent of One and a quarter inches on every ten feet to the regulation of the westerly kennel of Chapel Street, which is intended to be six feet above common high water: agreeably to a profile made by Charles Loss dated 7th. instant.

Resolved further, That Beach Street be regulated from the top of a Mark Stone situate at the kennel of the northwesterly corner of the intersection of Beach and Hudson Streets with a descent of One and three tenth inches on every ten feet for the distance of Four hundred and Thirty seven and a half feet to the kennel of Varick Street: thence with the Same descent of one and three tenth inches on every ten feet to the regulation of the westerly kennel of Chapel Street, which is intended to be six feet above common high water mark, agreeably to a profile thereof made by Charles Loss dated the 7th. instant.

And Resolved further that Varick Street, between Beach and Laight Streets be regulated from the regulation of the kennel of Beach Street at the North westerly corner of Beach and Varick Streets with an ascent of One and a half inches on every ten feet for the distance of Two hundred and Thirty four feet to a point opposite the centre of the main door of St Johns Church, which will be two feet eight inches below the lower step of the platform of the said Church: thence with a descent of one and one third Inches on every ten feet for the distance of Two hundred and Thirty four feet to the kennel of Laight Street at the Southwesterly corner of the intersection of Varick and Laight Streets, agreeably to a profile thereof made by [62] Charles Loss, dated the 7th instant.

All which is respectfully submitted.

John S. Hunn.

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Commissioner represented that Messrs Halsey and Westervelt had, some time since, completed the Blocks and Bridges for the Ferry Stairs at Vesey Street, and that a Ballance of $279. was still due to them.

Warrt No 273. Ordered that a Warrant be issued in their favour for that sum.

Agreeably to order the Street Commissioner presented the draft of an Ordinance for regulating Pitt Street from Stanton to North Streets; which was passed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances, directing the owners and occupants of sunken lots on Pitt Street, to cause the same to be raised with pure and wholesome earth and regulated so as to cast the water freely into the Street, which were passed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the purpose of correcting Nuisances, from N° 4825 to N° 4841. inclusive.

Ordered that the same do pass.

Resignations were received from the following persons, appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Election and the persons opposite their several names were respectively appointed in their places.

	Resignations.	Appointments
5th Ward	John W. Elsworth, not being a Freeholder	Wm Paulding. Junr
7th "	Benjamin S. Knapp. do	William Weeks
"	William Hunter	Michael M. Titus.
8th "	Joseph Watkins	Aquila Giles.
9th "	Nicholas Depeyster	John Adriance.

[63] Resolved that the Stall in Hudson Market lately occupied by Jonathan Spader decd be and the same is hereby granted to William Chivvis and Daniel Spader, during the pleasure of this Board, in order to assist the widow of the said Jonathan Spader in supporting and bringing up her infant children.

Whereas the Superintendant of repairs has opened the drain in Beaver Street and finds the same rotten and obstructed in such manner as to prevent the water from discharging through it to the Main Sewer, Therefore

Resolved that the said Superintendant of repairs be forthwith directed to cause the same to be sufficiently repaired, and that the Street Commissioner prepare the draft of an Ordinance to assess the expense of the same upon the persons benefitted.

Resolved that the Committee of applications be discharged from the consideration of the *application of William Bridges to be appointed one of the Surveyors of this Board and that said William Bridges be appointed One of the Surveyors of this City.

Ordered that the Superintendant of Streets cause the manure, filth, dirt and rubbish collected or lying in the Streets of this city, to be forthwith removed according to the Law " to provide for the sweeping and cleaning of the Streets in the city of New York."

* Marginal note reads *See P. 53.*—ED.

Ordered that Mr Hitchcock, Contractor for sweeping and cleaning of the Streets, cause the manure by him deposited at Beekman Slip, to be removed forthwith. And that he deposit no more manure in the same place.

Peter Hegeman, Cabinet Maker, Herring Street Greenwich 8th Ward, was appointed Fireman, to No 34. to supply a vacancy, the Chief Engineer certifying the same.

[64] Mr Pintard respectfully informed the Board, that it was no longer convenient for him to discharge the duties of City Inspector and Clerk of the Common Council.

Whereupon Alderman Hopkins Moved that the Board proceed to the appointment of a City Inspector and Clerk of the Common Council, which was carried.

The Board proceeded to the appointment by ballot.

On examining the Ballots

Jacob Morton had	6.
Samuel Russel	4.
Blank	1
	11 Ballots

The number of Members present

Jacob Morton was, accordingly, duly elected City Inspector and Clerk of the Common Council.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrants to pay.

No 266.	Jacob Sharp, for timber, for Supt of repairs		$276.66
267	Daniel Davis, for repairs to Pumps		61.
268	O'Neil & Lee	do do	94.25
269	Matthew Dikeman	do do	105.46
270	James Douglass, for Monumental Stones for St Comr		69.87
271	John Bleecker, for Tax Books & Stationary		68.88
272	Joseph Kimball, for glazing		33.59
273	Jacob Halsey, balle for Pier at Vesey Street		279.
274	Philip Jones for Watchmens Caps		107.12
		Total	$1095.83

[65] In Common Council April 15th 1809.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor

Samuel M. Hopkins	Esquires Aldermen	Messs John Slidell	Assistants
James Drake		John W. Mulligan	
Jacob Mott		Benjamin Haight	
Nicholas Fish		Thomas J. Campbell	
Mangle Minthorne		Isaac S. Douglass	
		Abraham Hoogland	
		John Drake	

The Mayor informed the Board that he had called a Special Meeting for the purpose of appointing one Inspector for the ensuing State Election in the 5th Ward in the place of William Paulding lately appointed one of the Inspectors of the said Ward, but who was absent from the City.

The Board proceeded to appoint a person as Inspector of the 5th Ward in place of William Paulding, when Lewis Ford was duly appointed and the Clerk was directed to give him notice thereof

Board adjourned.

[66] In Common Council April 17th 1809

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Recorder

Peter Mesier	Esquires Aldermen	John Slidell	Assistants
Saml M. Hopkins		John W. Mulligan	
Charles Dickenson		Benjamin Haight	
James Drake		Adrian Hegerman	
John Bingham		Isaac S. Douglass	
Jacob Mott		Jasper Ward	
Nicholas Fish		Abraham Hoogland	
Mangle Minthorne		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, as also those of the special meeting held on the 15th instant.

The Petition of John Hutton to be appointed a Butcher and to be assigned to the Stall No 34 Hudson Street, and a similar petition from Henry Spicer were referred* to the Market Committee.

A Petition from Enos Tompkins to be appointed a Wood Inspector for the district of the Corporation Dock and Bonsalls bason was read & referred to the Committee on applications.

A Memorial was read from Sundry inhabitants stating that a number of Houses are kept for the purpose of receiving Rope Iron & other articles thereby encouraging children, apprentices and others to bring stolen property, highly injurious to the Morals of the com-

* Marginal note reads *R. p. 79.*—Ed.

munity & praying a remedy for the evil was read & ordered to lie for further consideration.

[67] A Petition from Alexander S. Glass requesting permission to build a vault in front of his house N° 77 Beekman Street was read & permission granted to build said Vault under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A similar request on behalf of Caleb S. Riggs to build a vault in front of his Lot in Pine Street between Nassau Street and Broadway was stated by a member of the Board and granted under the like direction of Street Commissioner.

A Communication from the Attorney of the Board, stating some circumstances, why in his opinion the Fine incurred by James Seacord which was directed on the 5th Jany last to be remitted, should not be remitted to him was taken into consideration, Whereupon it was Resolved that the attorney of the Board be directed to comply with the former Resolution.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of William Harrison & James Aymar remonstrating against William Stones being permitted to advance his building in West Street, having presented a report

Resolved that the Report be referred back to the same Committee with directions to report thereon a statement of facts.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the *application of William Perkins Reported That permission be given him to erect a stall at the intersection of the Roads in the town of Harlem opposite to the house of Mr Brady—Which report was confirmed.

The Committee on the †Petition of the proprietors of the Pier on the East side of Peck slip reported, That having heard the Proprietors & having viewed attentively the local situation of the Pier are of opinion, that as long as Peck Slip remains in the present situation no inconvenience can result from granting [68] the prayer of said Petition; and therefore recommend ceeding the right of the Corporation to the end of the said Pier, to said proprietors for and until such time as South Street, shall be continued across said Peck Slip, when the right hereby ceeded shall again revert and be quietly surrendered to the Corporation.

All which is submitted

April 17th 1809.

Peter Mesier
John Bingham

* Marginal note reads *p: 35.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Vol. 19. f. 220.*—ED.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the Eighth & Tenth Wards and the Street Commissioner to whom were referred the Letters of Messrs Gosman and Macomb to the Street Commissioner and his communication thereon respecting the unfinished situation of a contract made with them for laying Walks in the Bowery, and a claim of damages for removing the Curb Stone* Reported

That they have examined into the circumstances of the case, from which they learn that the Corporation stopped the said work after the Contract was in part complied with by Messrs Gosman and McComb. That the Stone was in part carted away by them, and that they would be considerable loosers if the sum assessed upon that portion of the Inhabitants was deducted from their demand upon the original assessment. But this Committee conceive that this Board ought not to bear any material loss upon account of stopping the assessment and that it is now adviseable to direct Messrs Gosman & McCombs to proceed to complete their Contract, as originally agreed upon, & that the sum remaining due upon the original assessment be forthwith collected and paid to said Gosman & McCombs as they progress in the work. The Committee are further of opinion that Messrs Gosman & McCombs ought to be paid for the extra carting of Stone occasioned by the act of the Corporation preventing their going [69] on with the work when the Stone was upon the ground and that the Comptroller & Street Commissioner adjust the same

April 17th 1809.

Mangle Minthorne
Jasper Ward
John Drake
John S. Hunn

On motion the said Report was confirmed

The same Committee to whom was referred the †application from sundry Inhabitants in the Bowery lane, requesting that the walks be laid therein reported. That they see no reason for objecting to the application as it is signed by a number of respectable Citizens interested in the improvements and that they have therefore prepared the draft of an Ordinance for that purpose which they recommend may be passed Signed

Mangle Minthorne
John Drake
Jasper Ward
John S. Hunn.

On motion the said Report was confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *p. 10.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *p. 3.*—ED.

An ordinance was passed for carrying the same into effect and the following persons were appointed Assessors under said ordinance

Richard Berrian
Stephen Ludlum
Henry Eagles
John Brown
John Marschalk
} Assessors

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the remonstrance of M^rs Lynch against the verdict of the Jury in the case of Magazine Street, so far as it implicated the interests of the Minor children, made a Report which was directed to be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner reported that upon the Complaints of a number of persons & the view of M^r Roome, that the Pier on the Easterly side of Georges Slip opposite the property of Col^l Henry [70] Rutgers has broken in and is now in an exposed and dangerous situation for passengers, and that one person at the risk of his life has already fallen therein; as these repairs will admit of no delay the Street Commissioner recommends that the enclosed ordinance (directing the same to be forth with repaired) be passed, and that a Copy of the same be directed to be served upon Col^l Rutgers in the course of tomorrow

All which is respectfully submitted

John, S. Hunn S^t Comss^r

The same was confirmed & an ordinance passed accordingly

A Communication from the Street Commissioner covering a letter from Joseph Watkins requesting that the Corporation would unite with him to pave part of Spring Street opposite Spring Street market was read and referred to the Alderman & assistant of the (8^th) Ward & the Street Commissioner with power to come to an agreement and with directions to consult with the Commissioners appointed to lay out Canal Street, respecting the heighth of Canal Street at the intersection of Washington Street.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the application of the late proprietors of the Pier on the West Side of Fly Market Slip for compensation for the use of said Pier occupied by the Fishermen, reported That whatever claims the late proprietors may have for the use of said pier previous to the purchase thereof by the Corporation is a subject to be settled themselves & owners of Boats & Vessels interested. The Subscribers can see no reason why this

Board should assume the payment of such wharfage, or in any manner whatsoever interfere in the business

respectfully submitted

April 17, 1809 G. N. Bleecker Compt.
John S. Hunn S[t] Com[r]

[71] Which said Report was confirmed

Resolved That the Committee upon Laws and Ordinances revise the law relative to "dogs," and report the same to the next meeting of this board.

Resolved That the Watch Committee report at the next meeting of the Board a statement of the "City Watch" and what reduction (if any) is in their opinion necessary

Resolved That those persons having permits to sell small meats in the lower Fly Market, be, & they are hereby directed to use in future, instead of the present stalls, Benches of such form and dimensions as the deputy Clerk of the said Market may direct

On motion Resolved that Waters Furman be and he is hereby appointed to collect the outstanding debts due to this Board for manure heretofore sold, and that he be allowed upon all monies so by him collected & paid into the City Treasury at and after the rate of five Per Centum.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the removal of Nuisances from N° 4842 to 4850 inclusive which were ordered to pass

On Motion Resolved that the Street Commissioner state to the Board at their next meeting the reasons why the Regulations respecting Cherry & Grand Streets passed some years since have not been carried into effect

*On motion of M[r] Haight it was Resolved that a special committee be appointed to enquire into and investigate M[r] Jacob Cholwells account with this Board in order to [effect] a final settlement and it was further Resolved that the same Committee report at the next meeting of the Board a Plan for lighting the public Lamps of this City the Committee to consist of

M[r] Haight
M[r] Slidell
M[r] Hegeman &
The Comptroller

* Marginal note reads *See Rep[t] P. 74. 5. 6 & 7.*—ED.

[*71] Alderman Mott was at his request discharged from the Committee of "Wharves" so far as relates to the consideration of a Petition from the Inhabitants & Proprietors in the Vicinity of Peck Slip presented to the Board on the 10th inst and Alderman Bingham was placed on the said Committee

Ordered that the Mayor issue Warrants for the following Sums

No 275	Mrs Duryee on account of money due to her on Amity Street ordered at the last meeting of the Board.....	1500.
276	To Wm Mooney Superintendant of the Almshouse in Warrants of 1000 $ each.....	1000.
277		1000.
278		1000.
279	To Committee on Wharves Slips & piers.....	200.
280	To Isaac Van Deusen for attending to depositing earth at Duane Street market.....	26.58
	Accounts audited by the Comptroller—	
281	Nicholas Lawrence City Watch.....	276.36
282	William Van Wart do	276.36
283	William Peterson do	266.56
284	James Snow do	266.56
285	Thomas Darling do	276.36
286	Isaac Anderson do	276.36
287	John W. Elsworth repairs to Pub: Buildings.....	24.94
288	Peter Burtsell Stationary for C. Inspector & Str: Commissioners offices	79.81
289	Matt: Banks blacksmith work to Pumps.....	57.72
	Drs	6527.61

In Common Council April 24. 1809.

A sufficient number of members not having appeared to constitute a Quorum Adjourned to meet on Monday the 1st day of May next.

[72] In Common Council May 1st 1809.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor.

Peter Mesier	Messrs	John Slidell	Assistants
Samuel M. Hopkins		John W. Mulligan	
James Drake		Benjamin Haight	
John Bingham	Esquires	Adrian Hegerman	
Jacob Mott	Aldermen	Isaac S. Douglass	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbett	
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward	
Mangle Minthorne		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

*Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

The following Petitions were received and read Viz.

A Petition from Samuel Holmes praying to be appointed a Wood Inspector for the district now held by John Youngs.

Referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition from James Day praying to be assigned to Stall N° 34 Hudson Market at present occupied by William Gibson who is willing to relinquish the same. referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from J. Myers and others praying that John Youngs an Inspector of Wood may be removed from said office on account of incompetency, and that John Haring may be appointed in his stead.

[73] A Petition from Edward Shell praying to be appointed a Wood-Inspector for the district now held by John Youngs.

A Petition from Thomas Lance to be appointed an Inspector of Wood, and

A Petition from Jacob Peterson and others praying that an Inspector of Potatoes may be appointed for Peck and New Slips and that Nathaniel Fisk might be appointed to that office.

Which said several petitions were referred to the Committee upon applications

A Petition was also received from Robert Tier requesting permission to relinquish Stand N° 30 Fly Market which he now occupies & to be appointed to N° 2. Duane-market; which was granted.

A Petition from Daniel Tier to be appointed a Butcher & to have the Stand N° 30 Flymarket assigned to him

*A Petition from Peter Durr to be assigned to the same Stand N° 30 flymarket—also

A Petition from William Post requesting to be transferred from N° 29 to N° 30. fly market, were read and severally referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was also received from Zophar R. Jarvis in behalf of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Orchard & Hester Streets praying permission to sink a Well; which petition was referred to the Alderman & assistant of the (10th) Ward & Superintendant of repairs, with authority to comply with the prayer of the petition on the usual terms.

A Petition was also read from Robert Hodge & Knox & Laurie, praying that the drain in Gouverneurs alley may be opened and cleansed: the same was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (1st) Ward & the Street Commissioner

A Petition from Gilbert Dean & Joseph Hoyt praying permission

* Marginal note reads *R. p. 104* [103-4].—ED.

to dig out Essex Street was also read, and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition was also read from Thos L. Rich and [74] others Proprietors in North Moore Street, praying that said Street between Varick & Chaple Streets, might be regulated & the curb stone & foot walks laid, which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (5th) ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Jacob Barker and others owners and occupants of Stores between Fly market & Burling Slip was read, praying that Piers may be run out into the river at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Wharves & Slips.

A Letter from Doctor Nicholas Romayne President of the College of Physicians & Surgeons was read requesting that Doctor Mitchell the present Lecturer might be permitted to read his Lectures in some room in the City Hall until the House of the said College could be prepared for that purpose

Ordered that the request be complied with.

A Petition from John Jackson praying for a grant of the land between high & low water mark, opposite his property at Brooklyn on Long Island & extending two hundred and forty feet, upon the same terms as the former Grant of the Corporation to him, was read and referred* to the Comptroller.

A Letter from Cornelius P. Wyckoff addressed to Mr Ward was read, in which he requested to be exonerated from payment of a Note held by the Corporation against him; & the same was referred to the Comptroller.

†The Committee to whom was referred the Account of Jacob Cholwell with directions to investigate the same for a final settlement Reported that after a diligent & due investigation they find a balance due to Mr Cholwell on the 11th inst of $1914.53\frac{3}{100}$ for which they recommend that a Warrant may issue

April 19th 1809.

Benjamin Haight
Adrian Hegerman
Signed John Slidell
G. N. Bleecker Compt^r

[75] Which Report was confirmed and a Warrant ordered to issue for the balance so found due to Mr Cholwell pr following Statement.

* Marginal note reads *R. 106.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 71.*—Ed.

From 11th Augt 1808 to 11th April 1809

	Ds	
1664½ Lamps @ 9.50 for 8 months		10'543.41
960½ Galls Oil for public buildings @ 10¼100		998.92
Glazing 50 new lamps @ 1⁵⁰⁄₁₀₀		75.
Cotton Wick for Bridewell and Watch houses—20 Months		9.
		11,626.33
To 41 private Lamps @ $11	451	1 Year
36 " 11	396	Do
	847	
Cr		
By Cash on last settlemt	143	
	704	
Dove lot balance	307.80	
Cash	8700.	
Balance	1914.53	11,626.33

The same Committee who were appointed at the last meeting of the Board to report a plan for lighting the Public Lamps presented the follows " Since the Contract with Mr Cholwell has been vacated, the business has continued under the direction of the Lamp Committee, & it is recommended that it so continue, till a new Contract commences. That the Comptroller be directed to advertize for sealed proposals to be received at his office till 2 o'Clock on Monday the 8th day of May next, for lighting the Public Lamps of this City for one year from the 15th of May on the following conditions; 1st The Contractor to have all the Public lamps which now are, or may be, erected during the above term, regularly lighted every night at or before sunset & that each of the said Lamps shall be kept clean & provided with a sufficiency of good oil, to be kept clearly burning till sunrise next morning excepting the nights of the full moon, and three nights next & immediately preceding from the 1st of November to the 1st April with the addition of one night after the full moon [76] from the first of April to the first of November.

2d The Signal Lamps to be lighted every night from Sunset to daylight, and the price to be the same as for the others.

3d The Contractor to furnish the best Spermaceti Oil, and Winter pressed Oil, from the 15th October to the 15th April; he may have the use of the public buildings, Cisterns, and implements connected with the Lamp department to be returned in good order.

4th To specify the lowest price for cleaning lighting and furnishing with necessary materials each Lamp during the above mentioned time.

5. All public Lamps to be kept in good repair at the expence of the Contractor.

6. The Stock of Oil remaining on hand at the termination of the year contracted for, not exceeding the quantity of 3000 Gallons, shall be fairly valued by arbitrators chosen by each party, and be paid for.

7. The Contractor to furnish the necessary quantity of Lamp Oil for the use of the Alms House Bridewell, Jail, public Watch Houses, & the public Lamps at Brooklyn ferry; at a fair average price and shall produce satisfactory vouchers for the delivery of the same, previous to a settlement.

8. The lighting of Private lamps to be adjusted by the Proprietors and Contractor, who shall not charge for each lamp more than twelve dollars & fifty cents per annum.

9. The Contractor to give a Bond with two sureties to be approved of by the Common Council, in the penal sum of Three Thousand Dollars, for the due and faithful compliance with the Contract; and if default shall in any manner be made therein for the space of five nights either in succession or otherwise, the Corporation may declare the same void and the Contractor shall be liable to have deducted [77] from his account, the amount which shall be found deficient in consequence of such default.

10th Once in each month the Contractor shall present his account for settlement, and if found correct payment will be made in the usual manner, Should any difference arise in the settlement the same to be referred to the Lamp Committee for adjustment, and their report to the Board of the amount of damages to be deducted from the account of the Contractor shall be decisive, if approved of by the Board.

The Committee also recommend that the following regulations be adopted.

1st The Superintendant of Repairs shall be directed to have without delay all the Public Lamps numbered in progressive order, each ward to be kept distinct; and a regular account of the same filed in the Clerks office

2d No new Lamps shall be procured unless by the order of the Lamp Committee, and shall be placed under the care of the Superintendant of repairs, and whenever a new lamp is ordered to be put up, the said Superintendant shall have it done, and keep an account of the

number, time, and place, and make a return once a month at the Clerks office there to be registered.

3d It shall be the special duty and it is hereby enjoined on the respective Captains of the Watch to keep an exact account of whatever Lamps in their District, may not continue burning during each night; to note the number of the Lamp, the ward in which it is situated, the hour when it ceases to give light, and any other circumstances tending to information on this subject, & to report the same at the Comptrollers office every fortnight [78] in order that the Contractor may be responsible for delinquencies, and redress obtained.

4th It is recommended that the Corporation take the Lamp Oil which Mr Cholwell may have on hand (if he agrees thereto) not exceeding Five thousand Gallons, at a fair valuation to be approved of by the Lamp Committee, payable at sixty days from the day of such approval, which Oil the Contractor shall be bound to take at the same price payable as aforesaid

(Signed.) Benjamin Haight
Adrian Hegerman
John Slidell
P. N. Bleecker Compt[r]

New York 19. April 1809

Alderman Fish from the " Road Committee " presented the following Report, That they took an excursion on the Island on Wednesday last for the purpose of viewing the situation of the Roads, and to point out to the Roadmasters such repairs as the roads will want during the present season. They feel great satisfaction in representing to the Board, that the Roads will require but little repair this Spring, and that they have directed the Road Masters to employ but six persons each until further orders, being in the opinion of the committee a sufficient number for the present: and they have also pointed out to them the quantity of work and the particular places demanding their first attention.

The Committee further report that during the past Summer, the Road, as well as another, Committee, viewed the ground between Hamilton Square and the Manhattan Avenue, and determined to recommend to the Board to open a road thro' it sufficient for the passage of carriages of burthen, that proposals were issued, and that the work could be done for about one hundred dollars; but that owing to some unaccountable delay they did not report thereon—the Committee now recommend that this work be directed to be done, under the direction of the Street Commissioner and the Road Masters; as it will be

important to the [79] Corporation to cause such road to be made previous to the sale of those lots as already directed by the Board.

Nich^{s} Fish
Jacob Mott
John Bingham
James Drake

Which Report was approved of.

The Market Committee to whom were referred the several *Petitions of John Hutton W^{m} Gibson and Henry Spicer reported that a butchers licence be granted to Henry Spicer and that the stand N^{o} 34 in Hudson Market be assigned him, which report was confirmed

A Memorial was read from sundry inhabitants of the 7th Ward remonstrating against the erection of a Brew House, at the intersection of George & Lombard Streets, which they understood was in contemplation praying the interference of the Board to prevent the evil apprehended, by purchasing the said ground for Public use, or otherwise, and offering on the part of the said Memorialists to enclose the said ground with a pale fence at their own expence

With said Memorial the Street Commissioner presented the following Report

The Street Commissioner being informed that some persons were preparing under the authority of Colonel Henry Rutgers to erect a building in the triangular space formed by the intersection of George, Cheapside, and Lombard Streets, wrote the Colonel upon the subject and not only advised him that it was necessary for the Street Commissioner to be consulted in all cases of the survey of Corner lots, but that it was probable the inhabitants in the neighborhood as well as the Corporation would be willing to pay him for any ground he might have there, to prevent a building there.

The Street Commissioner has since been informed that a Petition from the Inhabitants is about to be presented touching the premises; & if the Board should be of opinion, that it would be desirable [80] to retain the present open space and the petition in their opinion shall be signed by a respectable number of the persons who will probably be assessed therefor it will perhaps be expedient for them to pass a Resolution in effect similar to the following.

"Resolved that the open space or Gore formed by the intersection of George Cheapside and Lombard Streets be left open and reserved forever as a Park for the use of the Public, and that the Street Com-

* Marginal note reads *p. 66.*—ED.

missioner be and he is hereby directed to treat with the proprietor thereof in behalf of this Board, and take such other measures as may be legal to obtain the same for the aforesaid purposes.

All which is respectfully submitted.

May 1st 1809. John S. Hunn.

On motion the proposed Resolution was adopted and the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the same into effect.

The Committee to whom was referred the *petition of Nathaniel Dobbs praying compensation for injuries sustained by a new regulation of Sullivan Street Reported that in their opinion the sum of one hundred Dollars should be granted to Mr Dobbs, which would compensate him for the injury he had sustained by the new regulation. On motion the same was confirmed, and a Warrant was directed to issue for that sum,

The Alderman and assistant of the fifth ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of William Stone relative to a Building he is desirous to put up opposite to Duane Slip, reported as follows

†The Alderman and assistant of the fifth ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the application of William Stone, relative to a building he is desirous of putting up opposite Duane Slip projecting six feet in front of the other dwelling, and the remonstrance of William Harrison and others against it, with directions to present a statement of facts in [81] *in* relation thereto, respectfully Report that they have examined the Minutes of the Common Council and find the following Entries therein " 1st April 1794 " " 26th May "—" 14th July" —" 21st July "—" 4th August 1794 "

From mature reflection and a strict examination of the facts therein contained your Committee are of opinion, that it would be improper to permit Mr Stone to build at present, in the manner he has requested; but they consider it reasonable that the Corporation grant to the Proprietors the ground in front of their present dwellings to the line of West street, whenever it may be deemed expedient to fill up the Basin, and in order to place this matter upon a permanent basis, and to equalize the claims of the said proprietors, the Committee recommend that the following Resolution be passed.

" Resolved that the Street Commissioner direct Wm Stone to place his intended building, at the Corner formed by Jay Street, and a line

* Marginal note reads *See Petition P. 14.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See P 81 on P 82.*—ED.

along the front of the house of William Harrison opposite Duane basin; and that no person be hereafter permitted to erect any building to the West of said line between Duane and Jay Streets, until it shall be the pleasure of the Common Council to fill up the Basin and form West Street, as lately surveyed and agreed to by this board"

"Resolved further that this Board will grant to the several proprietors of Lots fronting on said basin, the ground in front thereof to the East line of West street under the usual quits, upon condition they unite and sink a bulk head on the West side of West street and fill up the said basin, whenever this Board may direct the same to be done"

All which is respectfully submitted

May 1. 1809.

John Bingham
John S. Hunn.

Which Report was confirmed.

[82] The Street Commissioner communicated to the Board the following statement respecting the regulation of Hudson Square.

"The Street Commissioner has the honor to state to the Board that from the representation of the principal proprietors of lots round Hudson Square he finds they will be involved in considerable difficulties if the regulations of the Streets round the Square remain as adopted by the Board on the 10th instant; as the said proprietors have entered into Special agreements with the Corporation of Trinity Church, under severe penalties to build in such a manner as that the under part of their water tables shall form a horizontal line four & half feet above the streets when they become paved.

By the adopted regulations the whole square will form an inclined plane towards Varick Street, and render a compliance with the above mentioned conditions impracticable; as may be easily perceived by an inspection of the several profiles of those streets.

The Street Commissioner further States that the alterations required by the proprietors will also involve the surveyors in some difficulty to discharge the Water from the corner of Hudson and Beach Streets, & which cannot be done without lifting the pavement of Beach or at least a considerable part of it. By such measure the business can be effected but it belongs to the Board to decide whether this shall be done and who is to pay the expence.

As a variety of other circumstances in this regulation will occur to make it appear more doubtful & difficult to settle, which cannot without great prolixity be embraced in a report the Street Commissioner

solicits a Committee to aid him in the Regulation, & he conceives they ought to possess power to adopt any plan they may deem most for the ornament of the square & convenience of the Public. All which is submitted"

April 24. 1809. John S. Hunn."

[83] Ordered that a Committee be appointed in conjunction with the Street Commissioner to make such regulations as they shall judge proper for the ornament of the square and the convenience of the Public.

The Committee to consist of Aldermen Bingham, Mesier Mr A. Hegerman & Street Commissioner

On the recommendation of the Street Commissr James Dobbins was appointed Assessor for regulating Pitt Street between Staunton and North Street in the place of John Brown who declined serving.

The Street Commissioner presented to the Board a Deed of Cession from Abijah Hammond & Catharine, his wife of all the streets running thro' their property at Greenwich—which Deed was ordered to be recorded and filed.

Reports from the Police Office that Capt. Snow had suspended Samuel Woodline for being asleep on his post, it being the third time, and had displaced Asa Guernsey for the like offence.

That Capt. Peterson had suspended Jacob Arnold for the like offence—were severally referred to the Watch Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies.

No 23. James Hill Cartman 172 Duane Street 5th Ward vice Cornr Earl Thomas Fenwick. Bookbinder 61 Anthony St. 5th do v. James Crane

An account from the New York Hospital for the support of Maniacs up to the 1st inst was received & referred to Aldermen Bingham Drake & Mr Slidell

Alderman Wood presented the following Resolution

Resolved that the Village of Greenwich be allowed a Company of Hook and Ladder men to assist [84] in extinguishing fires, which was referred to the Fire department with authority to establish such company if in their opinion necessary.

On motion Resolved that the Contractor for the Street manure be directed forthwith to remove the dirt placed by him on the New Haywharf & that he be directed not to deposit any more on said wharf in future.

On motion Resolved that the Alderman & Assistant of each ward be authorized to employ at their discretion on Sundays two Peace officers to enforce the observance of the Sunday law in their respective Wards.

On motion Resolved that the City Inspector cause diligent enquiry to be made respecting the deposit of a large mass of offensive filth in State Street, & that the Attorney of the Board cause suits to be commenced without delay against all persons concerned against whom it shall appear they may be maintained.

On motion Resolved that the Square in front of the new Watch House be known & distinguished by the name of Hay-market.

On motion Resolved that the City Inspector with the aid of the proper officers of this Board make a *statement of any breaches (if any) which have happened on the contract for the Street manure, & lay the same before the Council & Attorney of the Board who are to cause proper suits to be commenced thereon without delay.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances from N° 4851 to 4860 for correction of Nuisances which were ordered to pass.

The Comptroller presented a draft of a †Grant for the Land under water to John R. Murray and William Ogden at the Corner of Beach Street on the Hudson river, which was ordered to pass on being approved by the Council of the Board.

[85] ‡Mr John Drake & Messrs Mulligan & Douglass were appointed a Committee upon the petition of Matthew Bolmer respecting a supposed encroachment by Mr George Janeway upon Magazine Street, and which on the 27th of March last was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

		Drs Cts
290	Jacob Cholwell balance of his acct for lighting the public lamps to 11th April	1914.53
291	Nathl Dobbs for damages by new regulation of Sullivan Street..	100.
	Accts Audited by the Comptroller	
292	Capt. Nichs Lawrence City Watch	276.36
293	" Wm Van Wart do	276.36
294	" Wm Peterson do	266.56
295	" Thos Darling do	276.36
296	Jacob Delamontaigne Saly to 13th April last	250.
297	James Warner Do do	250.
298	Bernard O'Blennis Do Clerk do	250.

* Marginal note reads *R. p. 95.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 39.*—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *R. p. 104.*—Ed.

		Drs	Cts
299	Wm J. Waldron. Salary as Collector to 1st May	174.	
300	James Hardy—Saly to 1st inst	64.	12
301	Andrew Otterson do	50.	
302	Edward Moran do	50.	
303	Ephraim Brasher Commssr Excise for printing blank licenses	37.	50
304	Wm P. Roome Saly as Keeper Potters field to 1st inst	30.	
305	Richd L. Degroot repairg Mud turtle	132.	14
306	Matthias Nack, attendce at Collect	6.	
307	Wm Buckland for earth at Arch bridge	4.	12
308	ONeil & Lee repairing wells	103.	50
309	Danl Davis repairing Pumps 7th Ward	38.	12
310	James Richardson repg Wells 1st 4 & 7th Wards	59.	50
311	Wm Stone for sinking a Well at Corner of Jay & Washington Streets	15.	

[86] In Common Council May 8th 1809.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor

Peter Mesier Samuel M. Hopkins Charles Dickinson James Drake John Bingham Jacob Mott Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish Mangle Minthorne	Esquires Aldermen	John Slidell John W. Mulligan Benjamin Haight Adrian Hegerman Thomas J. Campbell Samuel Torbet Jasper Ward John Drake

Assistants.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved.

A Petition was received from Alexander Fink Senior, Butcher, stating that he formerly occupied the Stand N° 1, Oswego Market, that having some years since declined business in favor of his Son Augustus Fink, the said stand was assigned to him, but his said son having lately departed this life, the Petitioner was desirous of again entering into business and prayed that the said stand might be assigned to him. The said petition was referred to the Market Committee who immediately reported that in their opinion the prayer of [87] the petition should be granted, which report was confirmed.

A similar petition from John A Baisley praying for a licence and to be assigned to stand N° 2 in Grand Street market, was referred to the same Committee who immediately reported in favor of the Petition —Which report was confirmed

*A similar Petition from Blaze Ten Broeck to be appointed to the same stall N° 2 Grand Street was referred to the Market Committee.

* Marginal note reads *R. p. 104.*—Ed.

*A Petition was received from Lewis Moore stating that upon taking out a water Grant some years ago, Mr Strong the then Comptroller took from the Petitioner a note of hand, it being, as the Comptroller alledged, the amount of rent in arrear for said Grant, but upon a promise that if the arrears upon the several lots between Beekman & Peck Slip should not be demanded from the proprietors of said lots, that then this Petitioners Note should be cancelled; and the petitioner alleges that no demands have been made upon any of said proprietors.

The said Petition was referred to the Comptroller with authority to deliver up the same if the facts be as stated.

A Petition from Jeremiah Marshall and Thomas Brown to be appointed Measurers of Lumber in this City was read & referred to the Committee on applications with directions also to take into consideration the expediency of rescinding a former resolution of this Board confining the appointment of Measurers of lumber to such persons as should be appointed Inspectors of Lumber by the Council of appointmt of the State.

An application was received from William [88] Ogden for permission to build a vault in front of his lot in Chamber Street and to erect a Lime house in the Street, which was granted under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the (5th) Ward and the Street Commissioner

A similar application from Henry Havens for a vault &ca in Vesey Street was granted under like direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the (3d) Ward and Street Commissioner.

*A Petition was received from the Trustees of the Presbeterian Brick Church praying permission to build vaults around the Church projecting into the street and was on motion referred to Aldermen Fish [&] Mott & Mr Campbell

A Petition from John R Murray and others praying that Washington Street may be opened between Provost and North Moore Streets and between Jay and Provost Streets was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (5th) Ward & the Street Commissioner

A similar petition was received from William Ross and others praying that Lispenard Street might be opened to Broadway and was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward and the Street Commissioner

An application was received from the Contractor for Street

* Marginal note reads *R. p. 105.*—ED.

manure stating that in consequence of the births at the Whitehall Slip assigned for the manure boats, being occupied by prize vessels and the difficulty of removing them, recommend the following to be assigned in place of the above

Two births on the East side of the West pier of Exchange Slip and one birth at the head of said Slip adjoining said Pier

And in place of two births at Peck Slip, as follows one birth on the west side of the East pier of Beekman Slip & one birth at the head of said slip adjoining said pier, which was agreed to.

[89] A letter from William Mooney Superintendant of the Alms House requesting to be informed whether Charles A. W. McPherson was to be considered as an officer of that establishment was read and referred to the Committee on the Alms House

On the application of William Mooney Superintendant of Alms House for an advance of Six Thousand Dollars to defray the expences of said establishment was read.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants for the said sum in separate ones of $1000 each.

A request from Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs that the sum of 500 Drs might be placed to the credit of the Chairman of the Committee of repairs was read and thereupon ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant for that sum.

The Market Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Daniel Tier Junr & Wm Post Butchers praying to be assigned to Stall No 30 Fly Market reported that in their opinion a Butchers Licence be granted to Daniel Tier Jr and that the said Stall No 30 be granted to said Daniel Tier Junr which was confirmed.

The same Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Day praying to be assigned to Stall No 34 Hudson market reported that the Stall was granted to another person viz H. Spicer.

Alderman Fish from the Committee of Defence reported the following.

The Committee of Defence having received a communication from M. Du Buc de Marcatille relative to his proposed plan of defence for Sea Ports by means not in use beg leave to submit the following statement for the consideration of the Common Council.

[90] That from a Report of the former Committee of defence dated May 16th 1808. it appears that they were impressed with the most favorable opinion of M. Du Buc's talents and military science; that he professed to have discovered means of defence which are not in use, & which if adopted would render this City and Harbor com-

pletely secure against naval attack; that the benefits of his plan might be obtained at small expence, within the short term of a few months; that M. DuBuc required as a compensation for the disclosure of his plan the sum of Drs 60'000 in case of its adoption for any of the Ports of the United States within a term of time to be agreed on for that purpose, and in case it should not be approved or acted upon within the stipulated time, but should be resumed and put in force at any future period then he demanded an additional sum of $60'000; that various conferences took place, and various modifications of his proposals were suggested to obviate the double consideration. That altho' it was clearly understood and so expressed in the Report alluded to that it rightfully and exclusively belongs to the Government of the United States to provide for and direct all the measures relative to public defence yet the Common Council anxious to obtain protection & security for the City adopted certain resolutions expressive of their willingness to enter into arrangements for obtaining from Mr DuBuc a disclosure of his plan on condition that the General Government would authorize the measures and provide for the ultimate payment of the sum which the Corporation might in the first instance agree to pay for the same: that his Honor the Mayor communicated the same to the late Secretary at War from whom an answer was obtained that was not altogether satisfactory; that a second letter from the Mayor to the Secretary at War in conformity with a subsequent report on that subject, produced an assurance on the part of the Government dated 29th June last, that any improvement on the general known principle [91] system of defence should be adopted for New York if on due investigation its merits should render its adoption expedient and further that Mr DuBucs proposed system should not in any event be adopted for any other port or harbor in the United States than that of New York without the consent of the Corporation thus then the principal difficulties appeared to be removed but on farther conference with Mr Dubuc it appeared that he had not relinquished the idea of the double sum, and being tenacious on that point the negotiation was suspended. On the first day of the present month a new modification of Mr DuBucs proposals was received from him which the Committee submit to the Common Council viz. "The ultimate adoption or rejec-
"tion of Mr DuBucs plan resting with the General Government, and
"it being well understood that it would be against the true meaning
"of the agreement that the said plan tho' approved should be refused
"with a view to use it in future whereby Mr DuBuc's stipulated com-
"pensation for the disclosure of a thing so highly important to the

"public welfare might be delayed all his life time the following is "agreed

"In case the general government will not use any of the means "proposed yet the sum of Drs 60'000 shall be paid by the Corporation "to Mr DuBuc unless they give him the following declaration on the "part of the General Government whose honor Mr DuBuc does "entirely trust to.

At the request of the Corporation of New York [92] and in "order to enable them to give to Mr DuBuc the declaration on the "part of the Government of the United States in their agreement of "the date with Mr DuBuc I declare in the true spirit "of the said agreement which has been communicated that none of "the means proposed by Mr DuBuc in his plan of defence for Sea "Ports in general whether considered as things wholly original and "new, or as new modifications or use of things already known has "obtained the approbation of the government nor shall be used in "case of War."

From a view of the subject it appears to the Committee that Mr DuBuc is willing to make an immediate disclosure to the Common Council of his plan of defence for the harbor of New York consisting of means not in use, that the plan after having been submitted to the consideration of the Executive of the United States is to be approved or disapproved by them. If not approved by them then a declaration to that effect is to be signed by the Secretary at War, which declaration is to exonerate this Board from all further responsibility: if approved by the General Government then the sum of $60'000 is to be paid by the Corporation for *for* the disclosure of the plan, the adoption of which is guaranteed to this City by the Secretary's letter of the 29th June last, and from an assurance in said letter that Mr DuBuc's system will not in any event be adopted for the defence of any other port or harbor in the United States than New York without the consent of the Corporation of New York who may think it adviseable to purchase of him the right of applying his system to the defence of that City & harbor, it seems to have been understood by the Executive of the United States, that the sum to be paid by this board for obtaining the disclosure of Mr DuBuc's plan should be *re* [93] re-imbursed in case said Plan should be adopted for any other port.

The Committee therefore submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved that his honor the Mayor be requested to communicate to the Executive of the United States the modification of M. DuBuc's proposals for disclosing his plan of defence for Sea Ports by means

not in use as stated in this Report, and to know whether they will agree to make the declaration therein proposed in case the plan should not meet the approbation of the Government; and whether by the letter of the late Secretary at War the faith of the Government is not pledged to repay to the Corporation the sum of Drs 60'000 which they may advance to M. DuBuc for the disclosure of his plan of defence in case said plan should be adopted for any other port or harbor of the United States than that of New York.

Signed. Nichs Fish
Jacob Mott
John Bingham
James Drake
Mangle Minthorne

Which Resolution was adopted & his Honor the Mayor was requested to make the communication therein proposed.

Alderman Bingham from the Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the New York Hospital for the expence incurred in the maintenance of Maniacs Reported "That they have had the accounts under consideration & find that there is now due the N. Y. Hospital for the above purpose from the 15th July 1808 [94] to the 1st of May 1809. the sum of $2535.16/100 and they recommend that in future the acct of the Hospital for the support of Maniacs be charged to the Commissioners of the Alms house Which Report was confirmed and the Mayor was directed to issue his Warrant for the payment of the above sum.

Alderman Wood from the Watch Committee agreably to the order of the Board presented a return of the 2d & 3d Watch Districts which was ordered to be filed—they reported that they did not know of any alterations of any moment that could be made in the Watch Department.

The Cheif Engineer in behalf of the fire department to whom was referred a Resolution proposed at the last meeting of the Board for establishing a Company of Hook & Ladder men in the village of Greenwich Reported that they were of opinion that a Company of Hook & Ladder men is necessary and that the same consist of Ten men and be provided with one large and one small ladder and one large and one small Hook, Which Report, on motion, was confirmed.

The Cheif Engineer on the *Petition of the inhabitants of the 5th Ward near the Sugar House for a large Engine also reported that in

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the opinion of the Fire Department, as there is a number of large Engines in the vicinity of the neighbourhood it is not necessary to grant the prayer of the petition. Which Report was agreed to.

The Cheif Engineer also reported upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of Broadway near Spring Street for a large Engine, that in the opinion of the fire Department, it is not expedient to grant the prayer of said Petition

Which report was agreed to.

[95] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Cheif Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Engine Company N° 7.

Thomas Dick Jr Painter N° 25 Ferry St 4th Ward Vice Geo. W. Robertson

N° 18.

Duncan McEuen Plumber Beekman Slip 2d Ward V. John Vernon

John W. Hardenbrook is elected foreman of this Company in place of said Mr Vernon who has resigned.

N° 24.

John DeClew Jr Sailmaker Nassau St. 2 Ward V. Wm Castles

Saml Maverick Copper Plate Printer Liberty St. 3. Wd V. Fredk Ridabock

N° 32

Peter Durr Butcher Elizabeth St. 6th Ward V. Saml Patterson

A Report from the Police was received stating that Thomas Hazard Keeper of the Bridewell had reported that James Skaats one of the Watchmen was found drunk and asleep in the Bridewell kitchen. The said Report was referred to the Watch Committee.

The City Inspector in pursuance of the *order of the Board at the last meeting presented a Statement from the Street Inspector of certain breaches on the part of the Contractor for Manure in his contract with the Board—Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Committee

The City Inspector also reported an Enquiry which he had caused to be made as directed by the Board with respect to the deposit of filth in State Street, which report was ordered to be filed.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction of certain Nuisances from N° 4862 to *to* 4870 which were ordered to pass.

The Street Commissioner in obedience to the direction of the Board reported the reasons why Cherry Street & Grand St. have not

* Marginal note reads *p. 84.*—ED.

been regulated as had been heretofore ordered—which report was directed to be filed.

[96] The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of James Hook presented a Report which being read, it was ordered, that the same be referred to Alderman Mott Messs Torbert & Mulligan

The Street Commissioner upon the petition of Dean & Hoyt to be permitted to dig out Essex Street presented the following Report

That there does not appear to him to be any reasonable objections to granting their request, if they enter into engagements to regulate the Street agreably to the profile and regulation thereof and satisfy the Surveyors for surveying the same, which they have consented to do, in any way the Corporation may think proper—The Street Commissioner therefore recommends that said Dean & Hoyt be permitted to regulate the said Street upon the aforesaid terms, and that it be regulated as follows

Beginning at the regulation of the Kennel on the North side of DeLancey Street—thence with an ascent of one & half inch on every ten feet for the distance of 182 feet towards Rivington Street thence with a descent of one & a half inch on every ten feet for the distance of 242 feet to the regulation of the southerly kennel of Rivington Street; thence on a level to the northerly kennel of Rivington Street thence with an ascent of one and a half inch on every ten feet for the distance of 182 feet towards Stanton Street; thence with a descent of one & half inches on every ten feet for the distance of 242 feet to the regulation of the Kennel of Stanton Street; agreably to a profile thereof made by Samuel Stilwell one of the City Surveyors, dated the 5th instant

All which is respectfully submitted

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[97] Ordered that the same be confirmed

A return of delinquents upon the assessment for repairing the wharf in South Street from Wall Street to Burling Slip was presented by the Street Commissioner—Ordered that Warrants issue against said delinquents in favor of Charles Marsh for collection of the assessment due.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessmt for paving Jay Street between Greenwich and Washington Streets which assessment was confirmed and Samuel Montgomery appointed to collect the money.

The Street Commissioner presented to the Board the *names of persons for repaving the Streets of the City agreably to the powers given him by the ordinance of the Corporation, which was referred to Aldermen Drake Mesier & Bingham

The Street Commissioner suggested to the Board the propriety of directing the removal of the old Buildings which stand upon the triangular piece of ground formed by the intersection of Chamber Cross & Augustus Streets—The same was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the (6th) Ward with authority to act in the premisses

Alderman Bingham from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of North Moore Street praying for the regulation of said street reported. That agreably to the situation of the ground, it will require considerable filling which ought to be done (as the Street is almost entirely built upon) and that it would be prudent to defer laying the walks until the earth has been well settled. They are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, upon condition that the Street be forthwith regulated, and that the Curb and walks be laid three months after [98] the regulation; and in conformity with this idea they present the draft of an ordinance which they are of opinion ought to be passed

John Bingham
Thomas J Campbell
John S. Hunn St Cr

On motion the said report was confirmed and an Ordinance passed for carrying the same into effect and Lewis Ford Benjamin Romaine Arthur Smith John Morse and Gideon Tucker were appointed the Assessors on the said Ordinance.

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Ward—Resolved that a Special Committee be appointed to adjust and fix the lines of Elizabeth, Mott, and Mulberry Streets, north of Princess Street, also to determine whether a new Street shall be laid out from the Bowery Road to Broadway nearly opposite to North Street, and if agreed upon to report an Ordinance for opening the same

On motion the same was agreed to & a Special Committee appointed consisting of Alderman Minthorne Messrs John Drake Slidell & Street Commissioner

On motion of Mr Mulligan, Ordered that the Proprietor of a sunken lot at the corner of Crane Wharf Front Street be prosecuted for non compliance with an ordinance of this Board.

On motion of Alderman Hopkins, Ordered that the City Inspector,

* Marginal note reads *R. p. 104.*—ED.

the Attorney of the Board, the Superintendant of Streets, and the other officers of the Board to whom the same may appertain take measures without delay to have the laws respecting the sweeping and cleansing the Streets & the taking away the manure, ruffage, & other matters which encumber the streets, duly executed And that they cause prosecutions to be commenced without delay for all offences in the premisses.

[99] On motion resolved that the Street Commissioner report to this board at the next meeting the reasons, if any, that Crosby Street is not opened agreably to the prayer of a Petition presented some time since to the Board.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner immediately cause Cross Street to be opened between Water Street and Magazine Street.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner procure a profile of Mercer Street between Broome & David Streets and that he report an ordinance at the next meeting of the Board for regulating said street

Stephen Hitchcock presented his account with the board for collecting monies due to the Corporation for Manure sold, which was directed to be referred* to the Comptroller.

The Board proceeded to examine the Proposals for lighting the Public Lamps of the City agreably to the Plan agreed upon at the last meeting of the Board. On motion it was resolved that no proposal be received from Jacob Cholwell the late Contractor.

Upon opening the Proposals it appeared that John Bray & David J. Daniels had offered to contract for lighting the Public Lamps for one year for the sum of Ten Dollars for each Lamp.

That Isaac Auld had offered to contract for the same for Nine Dollars and twenty cents for each Lamp;

Whereupon Resolved that the proposal of Isaac Auld be accepted, and that the contract be executed under the direction of the Lamp Committee, the Council of the Board and the Comptroller.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants for the following

Nº 312	[100] John Bingham Chairman Com: Repairs.....				500.
313	Thomas Eddy Treasr of Hospital for Maniacs.....				2'535.16
314	Wm Mooney Superintendant of Alms Ho.....			1000	
315	Dº	Dº	do	1000	
316	Dº	Dº	.....	1000	
317	Dº	Do	.....	1000	
318	Dº	Do	.....	1000	
319	Dº	Do	.....	1000	
				———	6,000.

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Nº 320	Jnº H. Sickles Building Committee.....	1000	
321	Dº Do	1000	
322	Do Do	1000	
			3'000.
	Accts audited by Comptroller.		
323	Captain James Snow City Watch.....		266.56
324	" Isaac Anderson do		276.36
325	John S Hunn Saly to 14th April last.....		375.
326	Amos Rooke Salary for Flag Poles.....		82.50
327	Kimberly & Cº Powder for fête 14th April.....		237.50
328	B. Hart, preparing dº for do		17.75
329	Saml Walker posting Handbills.....		6.50
330	M. Dikeman repairs to Pumps 6. 8. & 10th Wards.....		59.50
331	John Johnson Iron work for Pumps.....		38.28
332	Dº Dº Docks & slips.....		52.17
333	Sam. Stilwell surveying for St. Comssr.....		33.
334	Benjn Thurston lost fire bucket.....		2.
		Dolls	13.482.28

[101] In Common Council May 15th 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Peter Mesier James Drake John Bingham Jacob Mott Mangle Minthorne	Esquires Aldermen	John Slidell John, W. Mulligan Benjamin Haight Adrian Hegerman Thomas J. Campbell Isaac S. Douglass Samuel Torbert Jasper Ward.	Esquires Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Common Council having assembled at the Alms House for the purpose of making the usual qua[r]terly examination of that Department and of the Bridewell, proceeded upon that duty: after having visited and examined the same the following business was transacted.

A Petition was received from Joseph Conklin praying payment and compensation for regulating and paving a part of Rynders street, agreably to a Contract heretofore made with the Street Commissioner, the same being read was referred to Aldermen Wood [&] Mesier & Mr Slidell

[102] A Petition was received from John R. Livingston & others, praying that Prevost Street might be paved, which was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition was read from George Lorillard stating that at the late fire in Chatham Street, the Buildings upon the Lot in said Street which he holds on lease from this Board, were burnt and destroyed and praying an extension of the Lease, which he now holds upon the premisses. The same on motion was referred to Aldermen Drake [&] Bingham & Mr Douglass.

A Petition from Fire Engine Company No 13 was read, stating that their present Engine House, was old and in a ruinous condition and praying that a new Brick Engine House might be erected at Burling Slip, which was referred to the Fire Department.

A Petition from Lewis Hartman and others for a Well to be sunk in Pearl Street near Rose & Bancker Street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (4th) Ward & Superintendant of Repairs with power to authorize the sinking of the same on the usual terms.

On the application of Alderman Wood a well was also authorized to be sunk in Prince Street under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the (8th) Ward and the Superintendant of Repairs.

A petition was read from John Horner & others praying that a Hay Scale might be erected at the junction of Harlem & Bloomingdale Roads, & was referred to the Committee heretofore appointed on a similar petition.

[103] An application was received from Nathan Sandford Esqr requesting payment of one years interest (amounting to Ds 140) upon a Bond of the Corporation to Philip Brasher dated May 4th 1808 which he held by assignment—and the Comptroller having certified that that sum was due for interest on said Bond, Ordered that the Mayor issue his warrant to Mr Sandford for that sum.

A communication was received from the Attorney of the Board covering a proposal from A. C. Van Slyck Esqr Attorney for Stephen Colver in a suit of the said Colver against this Corporation, stating that Plaintiff in said suit was deceased & proposing that the suit against this Corporation, may be continued and proceeded on in the name of Benjamin Colver as Administrator of said Stephen without said Benjamin taking out Letters of Administration upon the Estate of the said Stephen

On motion resolved that this Board do not agree to said proposal.

Alderman Drake from the Committee of Applications to whom was referred the Petitions of William Robb, Reuben Wright, & Saml F. Whiting praying for some appointment under this Board reported that they would recommend that they be severally appointed Public

Measurers of Grain which was agreed to and they [were] appointed accordingly.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the *petition of Peter Durr praying [104] to be assigned to Stall N° 30 in Fly market reported, that the Stall N° 16 in said market be granted to him which was agreed to.

The same Committee on the †petition of Blaze Ten Broeck recommended that the Clerk of the Market be directed to assign said Ten Broeck to any vacant Stall in Grand Street Market.

Which was agreed to.

Mr Douglass from the ‡Committee on the communication of Mr Bolmer respecting an alledged encroachment by Mr Janeway on Magazine Street

Reported

That they have examined the Street and recommend that the South line of Magazine St between Chatham & Elm Streets be ascertained without delay by actual survey, and that Samuel Stilwell & Stephen Ludlum be directed to make the said survey under the inspection of the Street Commissioner, which Report was agreed to.

The following communication from the Street Commissioner was read at the last meeting of the Board

||The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board, that he has in the manner of last year, divided the improved parts of the City into nine sections, for the purpose of assigning to each paver hereafter named a certain portion to repair under the existing laws of the Common Council and solicits the confirmation of the Board in the appointment of

Charles Deally for.....	1st	Section	Patrick Kane for.....	5th	Section
Thomas Scott	2	do	Charles Mooney	6	
John Meghan	3	do	John McCombs	7 & 8th	
William Buck	4	do	Richard Tieney	9th	

Which is respectfully submitted John S. Hunn.

[105] and the Committee to whom the same was referred reported that they would recommend that the plan proposed be at present agreed to, and that the persons therein named be appointed by the Board,

Which report was confirmed

James Drake
John Bingham
P. Mesier.

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The Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church for permission to build vaults in the Street around their Church, Reported, that in their opinion the prayer of the petition should be granted, which was agreed to.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the †Pet^{n} of Lewis Moore reported that the facts stated in said petition were true and that in his opinion, it would be proper to deliver up to him his note, which report was agreed to.

The Comptroller to whom was referred ‡the accounts of M^{r} Hitchcock reported that in his opinion, an order should pass directing M^{r} Hitchcock to pay over to Waters Furman the full amount of monies received by him and likewise any Notes of hand he may have belonging to the Corporation, which report was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of William Hunter praying a reconsideration of the Report of the Finance Committee upon his petition for a water grant at Corlaers Hook reported That upon a consideration of all the circumstances attending the situation of M^{r} Hunters ground they are of opinion that the Terms fixed by the Report of the Finance Committee should be so far varied as that M^{r} Hunter should pay as a [106] Quit rent on said Grant one half of the sum mentioned in said Report, but that M^{r} Hunter should in all other things comply with the terms of said Report

Signed James Drake
John Slidell

Alderman Drake from the Committee on the ||petition of Mary Slater reported, that upon enquiry they find that she is a poor Widow they therefore recommend that a Warrant issue in behalf of Henry Van Pelt Collector for Oak, Pearl, Bancker and Chesnut Streets for the sum of D^{s} 2.$^{84}/_{100}$ being the amount of her assessment—Which was agreed to.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom were referred the several petitions of §John Jackson Gilbert Van Mater John Dikeman and Burdett Striker praying for Water Grants at Brooklyn presented a report which was directed to be referred to The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips and to The Committee upon Ferries.

The Lamp Committee reported that they had estimated the price of Oil to be taken from M^{r} Cholwell and to be received by M^{r} Auld on the new Contract at ninety Cents per Gallon for Winter Oil and sixty

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six Cents for Summer Oil, and that Mr Auld had offered for his Sureties Messs Jonas Minturn and Elias Haviland. Resolved that those sureties be accepted.

The Street Commissioner made a further report on the remonstrance of Mrs Lynch upon widening Magazine Street which was as follows

The Street Commissioner represented to the Board by his report on the April last that the Attorney of the Board had informed him, that the proceedings for widening Magazine Street, were not binding, as far as respected the minor children of Francis Lynch deceased owing to the misplaced confidence he had in a Gentleman of [107] the Law, who was supposed to be the Attorney for Mrs Lynch and who has since disavowed it: and that in his opinion, the objections of Mrs Lynch to the award can be supported by her. And the Street Commissioner in consequence suggested the propriety of the Boards authorizing him to renew the application to Mrs Lynch for the ground in question

This Report was directed to lie for further consideration and has not been acted upon since

The Street Commissioner respectfully sollicits the Board to take up the subject as there are near three hundred dollars which have been three years due to the Contractors for paving that Street, & Mrs Lynch owes above one hundred of it, which she will not pay until this business is adjusted.

It does not appear to the Street Commissioner that there is any necessity to delay this matter, for if the proceedings are illegal (and the Attorney says they are) it will be fruitless to contest the point with Mrs Lynch and dishonorable to attempt it

All which is respectfully submitted

May 15. 1809 Sd John S. Hunn.

Resolved that the said report be agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication on the subject of opening a Street in continuation of Chamber Street from Augustus Street to Chatham Street which was referred to the same Committee with Mr Lorillards petition Viz Aldermen Drake [&] Bingham & Mr Douglass.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner on the Petition of James Hook, which report was in the words following

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of

James Hook praying that the Corporation would relieve him from the expences of a suit brought [108] *brought* against him for damages in consequence of a Womans falling into an area belonging to him in Bedlow Street and thereby breaking her leg, has the honor to Report

That he has made diligent enquiry to ascertain the facts connected with the application of Mr Hook, and has taken the affidavitts of Five persons brought forward by Mr Hook; from all which he finds in substance as follows.

That Mr Hook is a poor man and with much difficulty erected a Building in Bedlow Street, that while the building was in an unfinished state, and the area preparing, the Corporation granted the request of the Inhabitants to sink a well in that Street, and that the Alderman of the Ward directed the Well to be sunk opposite to his area and within four feet of it. That in consequence of this arrangement he was obliged to leave the Rails of his area unfinished as the caving of the well prevented a passage along the Street and it became necessary for the diggers to lay plank upon the wall of the area to protect passengers from falling into the well. That this well laid in that situation during the months of January and february with large heaps of frozen earth which in part obstructed the passage. That Mr Hook requested the Carpenter who worked for him to secure the area by putting up the railing previous to the accident, and that the Carpenter advised him that it would be impracticable to cover the Well with Boards if he did so. And that while the Street lay in this situation an old woman, late at night and as some believed much intoxicated fell in and broke her leg. That in consequence of this accident she prosecuted him and recovered an award of One hundred dollars with 34 $^{73}/_{100}$ Ds cost; making the sum of 134 $^{73}/_{100}$ Dollars, and that an Execution has already or is about issuing against him for that sum. The Street Commissioner has [109] not been able to ascertain the ground upon which the Jury gave a Verdict against Mr Hook but he concludes it has been founded upon the proof that the House was his, and that he was answerable for the consequences of the exposure of his area contrary to the Corporation Laws.

It does not appear from any circumstance that has occurred that Mr Hook has been to blame, as he foresaw danger by the exposure of the area and would have secured it from endangering passengers if the Well had been completed in due time or so secured as to have enabled him to put up the railing. The Board will readily perceive that

this is a singular case and such as probably will never again happen. And as Mr Hook will be almost ruined by this suit if he is obliged to pay it, and the persons employed to dig the Well were under the immediate controul of the officers of the Corporation the Street Commissioner is of opinion that Mr Hook ought to be relieved by the Corporation from paying the award against him, or at least a considerable part of it.

All which is respectfully submitted

May 8th 1809 John S Hunn

On the Question whether the Board would agree to said Resolution a division having been called thereon it passed in the Affirmative as follows

for	Affirmative	Negative
	Aldn Bingham	Aldermen Drake
	Mott	Mesier
	Wood	Messrs Mulligan
	Messrs Slidell	Ward
	Douglass	Campbell
	Torbert	
	Hegerman	

Alderman Minthorne did not Vote.

[110] The Watch Committee to whom was referred the report of the Police respecting James Skaats reported that there had been a mistake respecting Mr Skaats as he had not been upon the Watch the night referred to.

The Commissioners of the Alms House to whom was referred the application of Wm Mooney respecting Mr McPherson reported "that "on the 8th Jany 1808 Mr McPherson was appointed by a Resolution "of this Board to assist the Superintendant in attending to the out "door Poor" signed

John H. Sickels
James Tillary
John J. Westervelt

The following persons were reported to constitute the Company of Hook and Ladder Men in the Village of Greenwich

Henry Blacklidge	William Willing
James Reeves	John H. Blanck
Andrew Hegerman	William P. Gilbert
John Jennings	Thomas Sherwood
William Lezong	John Brown

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Cheif Engineer reporting corresponding vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 14

Elias Lewis Upholsterer Corner of Jay & Hudson St^{s} 5 Ward V. Henry B. Roome

N° 19

Tho^{s} Winship Tavern Keeper 129 Corner of Grand Street & Bowery 10. Wd. V. Tho^{s} Cooper

N° 21

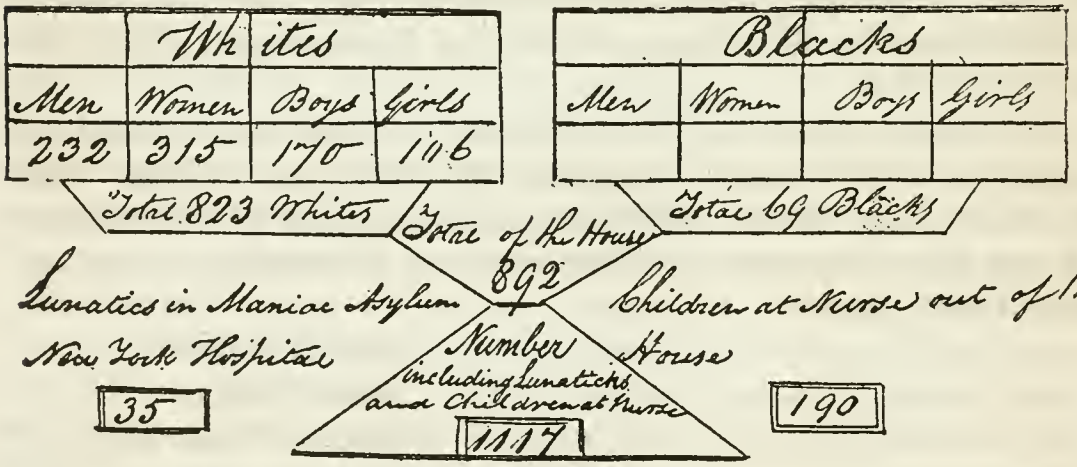
John M^{c}Gregor Merchant 27 Gold St 2^{d} Ward V. Ab^{m} Baudoine

Charles Smith Jun^{r} D^{r} Corlaers Hook 7th D° V. Tho^{s} Winship

An ordinance was presented by Aldermen Drake & passed for Paving Catharine Street on the East side of Catharine Market from the new pavement near Cherry Street to Water Street, and Simeon Skellens James Smith Eldad Holmes Isaac Doty and Benjamin Jessup were appointed Assessors.

[111] The Superintendant of the Alms House laid before the Board his account to the 30th April last which was referred to the Comptroller

The Superintendant also presented the following Census of the Alms House



NB. The Hospital Department in the House contains at present 44 men - 75 Women - 14 Children - Total 133 Sick.

The City Inspector Reported Ordinances for correction of certain Nuisances from N° 4870 to N° 4876 inclusive which were ordered to pass the Board.

A Report from the department of the City Inspector respecting an order of the Board directing a prosecution against the owner of a sunken lot near Crane wharf was received which stated that the former order had been partly complied with and that the agent of the owner (the owner residing out of the City) had promised to comply fully with it; that some irregularity had occurred in the service of the former order and that a new ordinance would be regularly served, and an ordinance passed accordingly

On motion of Mr Ward Resolved that the Street Commissioner procure a survey of that part of the Village of Greenwich which is not already procured and fix on the necessary elevations that the same may be regulated and also that he Report a profile of Hammond Street for the regulation thereof.

On motion of Alderman Mott Ordered that the [112] *The* City Inspector receive from any owner of a dwelling house the number of Fire Buckets which by the law for extinguishing fires he is authorized to deposit and that he give the Certificate by that law directed. And it is further ordered that the Chief Engineer cause the said buckets to be deposited in such place or places in each Ward as he shall judge adviseable.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs take charge of the Intersections of Streets and see that they are duly repaired.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs cause the piece of ground at Old Potters field which now lies vacant to be enclosed in a good fence.

Resolved that the Basin erected at the end of Coenties Slip be hereafter known and distinguished by the name of the Old Albany Basin.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance for repaving Broadway between Marketfield Street and Beaver Street.

A Report was received from the Police Office that Captain Peterson had returned on the 9th of May "that Alexander D Latham was found asleep on his Post" which was referred to the Watch Committee.

On motion resolved that the person or persons who have deposited a heap of offensive substances on certain lots belonging to John Jacob Astor near Mr Bruce's fish store at Greenwich, do remove the same without delay and that no person or persons shall deposit any filthy or offensive substances on the said Lots in future.

[113] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants for the following accounts

N° 335	To Capt. Nicholas Lawrence City Watch	.....	276.36
336	Wm Van Wart do	.....	276.36
337	Wm Peterson do	.....	266.56
338	James Snow do	.....	266.56
339	Thos Darling do	.....	276.36
340	Isaac Anderson do	.....	276.36
341	G. N. Bleecker Compr 1 Qr Salary to 16th inst	.....	250.
342	Manhattan Co: Water to Public Buildings 1 Yr	.....	350.
343	Clerks attending State Election in April last	.....	155.56
344	Constables Marshalls do do	.....	122.
345	Wm Willis Coroners a/c 1 Qr to May 1	.....	88.86
346	Abm Dally repairs to Mud Turtle	.....	42. 3
347	Benjn Douglass Collect Tickets	.....	4.90
348	Elizth Archer Admx of Moses Archer, last installment on Bond and interest	.....	749.37
349	Nathan Sandford 1 Yrs Interest on Bond to Philip Brasher dated May 4. 1808	.....	140.
350	James Horner amt of Verdict against him for a Woman falling into his area and breaking her leg. (see page 109. 110)	.....	134.73
351	Henry Van Pelt to pay Mrs Slaters Assessment for Bancker Street	.....	2.84
352	Bartholomew Skaats for fuel for City Hall	.....	550.
353	James Drake Esqr for Mud Machine	.....	200.
	Total Drs		4428.85

[114] In Common Council May 22d 1809.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Samuel M. Hopkins James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Mangle Minthorne	Esquires Aldermen	John W. Mulligan Benjamin Haight Adrian Hegerman Thomas J. Campbell Isaac S. Douglass Samuel Torbert Jasper Ward John Drake

Esquires Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition was received from David Johnson praying to receive a Butchers licence and to be assigned to stand N° 46 in the Fly market at present occupied by John L. Fink who was willing to relinquish the same. The said petition was referred to the Market Committee who

immediately reported thereon, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, which was confirmed

A Petition from John La Forgue Junr respecting a Bastard child of which he was declared the putative father by an order of the Sessions, and which had been formerly before the Board, was again presented with a request that the Board would reconsider the case

The same having been read was referred to Alderman Bingham Messs Mulligan & Hegerman.

[115] A Petition was received from Peter Goelet praying to be now permitted to reimburse to the Corporation the sum which should have been paid by him as his proportion for erecting Piers between the Exchange and Whitehall Slips, but which he had formerly from misapprehension, refused to pay, and to receive the proportion of emoluments which had and which should hereafter arise from the said Piers —which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips & Comptroller.

A petition from Everardus Warner was also received offering to purchase an Engine House in Nassau Street in the Presbyterian Church yard & was referred to the Committee of Repairs with authority to dispose of the same as they should judge proper

A petition from Fire Engine Company No 14 praying for the enlargement of their Engine House was read and referred to the Fire Department.

A Petition from Archibald Gracie and others praying that Bridge Street might be opened was read and referred to the Street Commissioner who immediately reported that as the Street had been ceded to the Corporation by the State, it only remained for the Corporation to compensate the owners of some old stables which now stand upon it, which he recommended to be done & the Street to be opened which report was approved, and the Street Commissioner was directed to treat with the said Proprietors and report at the next meeting of the Board.

[116] A Petition from the inhabitants of Broome and sixth Streets praying to have a Well at the Corner of said Streets,

and a similar petition from Henry B. Earle and others for permission to sink a Well in Thompson Streets were severally referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the respective Wards and the Superintendant of Repairs with authority to comply with the same on the usual terms.

A Petition was read from George Fagenheim praying an extension of the Lease which he holds from this Board, in consequence of the

loss of his buildings by the late fire in Chatham Street, and was referred to Aldermen Drake [&] Bingham & Mr Douglass.

A petition was presented from Wm Thorn & Co praying the remission of a Penalty incurred by them (unintentionally) in having their Flour short of the Weight prescribed by Law, and being read was directed to be referred to the Attorney of the Board.

Petitions, from Margaret Ogden praying that the Ordinance respecting a Privy at No 78 Pearl Street may be revoked, & from Daniel Smith praying that the same may be enforced were severally read. A Report from the City Inspectors department respecting the situation of the Nuisance complained of, was also read, recommending that the ordinance respecting Mrs Ogden be suspended until Mr Smith shall have complied with the ordinance to him directed.

On motion the said recommendation was agreed to.

[117] A Petition was also received from Geo: Smith & others, praying that Pump Street might be opened to Mott Street and Orange St. which was referred to the Alderman & assistant of the (6th) Ward & St. Commissrs A similar petition from the Proprietors of property in White Street praying that the street may be paved & regulated was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (5th) Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from the inhabitants of Sullivan, Thompson and Spring Streets remonstrating against the regulations of said Street was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (8th) Ward & St Commissr

A Petition from Peter P. Van Zandt and others praying that Washington Street may be regulated & paved from Warren to Chambers Street, was read and referred* to the Street Commissioner.

A Report from the City Inspectors department was received recommending the immediate removal of a Watch Box from the Corner of Pearl & Pine Streets as it was much complained of by the neighborhood was agreed to and the Superintendant of Repairs was directed to carry the same into execution; and Also to cause the removal of all the Watch Boxes to their usual place of Deposits for the Summer season as soon as convenient.

The Superintendant of Streets reported to the Board that the Public Drains in the City were in such a situation as to require being cleansed

Ordered that the Superintendant of Streets take immediate measures to cause the same to be cleaned.

* Marginal note reads *Rept. 130.*—Ed.

A Report was received from the Street Commissioner recommending that an Ordinance should be prepared [118] directing that the walks in Broadway should be laid with Flag Stones which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented a Report stating "that Mr Charles La Rue being informed that the Survey takes in only part of the Ground he owns at the Corner of Bancker Street & Pearl St[t] leaving a lot of 12 feet 2 inches fronting on Pearl Street, is desirous that the Board would decide upon the value of the ground required for the Street by Referees in preference to a Jury, & that he will choose one person & requests the Board to choose another: giving them to appoint an Umpire to judge between them, in case they disagree

The Survey also takes in a strip of two feet broad from the lot at the South East Corner of Bancker and Chesnut Streets. The claim to this Ground is doubtful; as the Block has its full measurement without it; but the right and interest of the present claimant should be extinguished to make the Street straight

The Street Commissioner is of opinion that the Board ought to agree to the arrangement proposed by Mr LaRue, as it will save time and expence; & that it would be adviseable to authorise the same Referees to settle the value of the claims to the Strip of ground abovementioned. All which is respectfully submitted

May 22[d] 1809. John S Hunn

On motion it was Resolved that the Board disagree to the same.

The Street Commissioner also presented an Ordinance for paving Broadway from Marketfield Street to Beaver Street which was passed, and John Nitchie jun[r] James W. Lent Benjamin Stephens Samuel Tooker & Garrit Storm were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner to whom was [119] referred the Petition of Jn[o] R. Livingston & others respecting the pavement of Provost Street, reported that it would for reasons therein stated be best to suspend for the present the paving of said Street and recommended the further consideration of the subject of his report to a Committee, which was agreed to, and the same was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (5[th]) Ward with said St[t] Commiss[r]

Alderman Drake from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of opening Chamber Street, reported that they recommend that Lots N[o] 6. 7. and 8 fronting on Chatham Street and Lot number 25 fronting on Augustus Street be sold in fee to Peter Bonnett for the

sum of Ten Thousand Dollars upon his giving his Bond payable in one year with sufficient security

James Drake
(Sd) John Bingham
Isaac S. Douglass

On motion resolved that the Board do agree to said Report.

Alderman Drake from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition for building Piers on the West side of Peck Slip reported that it was inexpedient to build at present, but recommended the paving of Front Street from Peck-slip to James' Slip which Report was confirmed, and the Street Commissioner directed to prepare an Ordinance for paving said Street.

The Comptroller on the Petition of Cornelius P. Wyckoff praying to be exonerated from [120] payment of a note given by said Wyckoff to Henry Remmy for Drs 133.5%100 and endorsed by said Remmy Reported, that there was no prospect of obtaining the money and submitted the propriety of cancelling the Note. Whereupon resolved that the Comptroller be directed to cancel said note.

The Attorney of the Board reported that the Jury impannelled at the present term of the Mayors Court to value the ground required for opening Collect Street, have given the following Verdicts

To Leonard Fisher for 6257 Square feet		650.
for Improvements		350.
	Drs	1000.
John Bogart for 1866 sq: feet	675.	
Andrew Stockholm 3120 squ: do	2500.	
		3175.
	Dollars.	4175. 0

Resolved that the said valuations be referred to the Street Commissioner and that he report his opinions whether the Board should confirm the same.

The City Treasurer reported the following assize of Bread

Superfine Flour Inspected 58/ pr Bb	47	oz for	1/
Do do	23	"	/6d
Do mixt with fine Indian	52	"	1/
Do do	24	"	/6d
Do mixt with Rye flour	52	"	1/
Do do	20	"	/6d
Rye Flour @ 40/ ℔ Bbl	59	"	1/
Do do	29	"	/6d

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 20

Thomas Chisholm, Stone Cutter, Cedar Street 3d Ward vice Lewis Dicker

N° 30

Isaac Van Benscowter Rope maker 2d Street 10th Ward. Jameson Cox.

[121] Fire Company N° 29.

Pet. Parcels, Cartman Hammond St 8th Ward Jn° Armstrong
Martin Blanck Mason Greenwich St do Martin V^nOrden
John Westervelt Carpenter Hammond St Do Duncan C. Bodle

Resolved that William J Van Wagenen of the 3d Ward Grocer be appointed Fire Warden of said Ward in the place of Henry Rankin.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for correction of Nuisances from N° 4786 to 4883 which were ordered to pass.

Mr Mulligan presented the following Resolution resolved that the suspension on making the piers between the Fly Market and Burling Slip be taken off and that the Piers be made pursuant to the Ordinance heretofore passed.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be authorized to purchase a Horse for his use when attending to the duties of his office.

Resolved that the subject of the damages sustained by Mrs Hannah V^nOrden by the Surveys made under the direction of the Commissioners for laying out Street & Roads be referred to Aldermen 2 Bingham & 1 Hopkins

Resolved that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

354	B. Skaats ringing Bells 14th April last	12.75
355	Adolphus Loss—surveying for St Commissioner	174.86
356	Jacob King 2 lost fire buckets	4.
357	Jacob Cholwell lighting Lamps 1 Mo to 11th May inst	1324.45
358	Daniel J. Ebbetts foreman special Jury opening Collect St	24.
359	Isaac Loofborrow regulatg Clock in Rutger Street	66.66
360	Thomas Foote building Engine House	178.28
361	Thomas Hazard, for Constables &c conveyg vagrants	112.18
	Drs	1897.18

[122] In Common Council May 29th 1809.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Samuel M Hopkins James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish Mangle Minthorne	Esquires Aldermen	John Slidell John W. Mulligan Benjamin Haight Adrian Hegeman Thomas J. Campbell Isaac S. Douglass John Drake	Esquires Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Letter was received from James Hook returning his thanks to the Board for their liberality in allowing to him the amount of a Verdict recovered against him on account of a persons accidentally falling into an area dug by him, and enclosing to the Board the sum of fifty dollars which had been remitted to him on account of the great expences he had been at in the said suit; Ordered that the said sum be paid to the Chamberlain.

A Petition from Alexander Jeroleman who [123] holds the Stand No 3 in Greenwich Market and of John Stumler who holds No 12 in Hudson market requesting permission to exchange Stalls, and

A Petition from Joseph Skillman to be permitted to have a Butchers stand at Greenwich were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was received from Leah Day praying permission to mortgage to Matthew Reed for twenty seven hundred and twenty five dollars Lot No 16 in Chatham Street, which she holds upon lease from this Board, and on motion Resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted.

A Petition from P. & Geo. Lorillard was read stating that they held by Lease from this Board Lot No four Chatham Street, that they had purchased the Leases of Lots No 30. 31. 32. that for the latter they requested to be accepted as Tenants and for the whole requested an extension of the term for which they had been leased

On motion said petition was referred to Aldermen Drake Bingham & Mr Douglass.

A Petition from Nicholas G. Carmer praying to be re-appointed a Weigh-master was read, and On motion Resolved that the petition be granted.

A Petition from Josiah Ward praying for an appointment to some office, and

*A Memorial from sundry persons recommending Jeremiah Marshall and Thomas Brown [124] to be appointed Measurers of lumber were read and referred to the Committee upon applications.

A Letter from Daniel Phœnix Chamberlain of the City, praying for the reasons therein stated an increase of salary was read and referred to Aldermen Fish [&] Bingham & Mr Hegeman.

A Letter from I. A. Van Hook Esqr enclosing a Copy of the Costs in the Suits of the Corporation against Comfort Sands and Daughter, in which, by a misdescription of the premisses a nonsuit was suffered was read and referred to the Council of the Board.

A Memorial from Benjamin Ferris Esquire stating that on a Warrant which he received from the City Treasurer he had collected from John Striker Collector of the third ward Drs 2869 $^{12}/_{100}$ the arrearages of taxes unpaid by him, that he had paid the same over to the City Treasurer, without deducting his fees thereon which amounted to $143.^{45}/_{100}$ & praying that the same might be ordered to be paid him was read & referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition from sundry persons confined on the Limits in this City stating that they understand the Limits are to be extended, and praying that they may be so laid out as to include the Bear market the Brick Presbyterian Church, and the Pier at the bottom of Murray Street was read and referred to Aldermen Fish & Bingham

A Petition from Lewis Moore praying that the Manure Boats might be removed from Beekman slip as they occupied the whole of the same, or that the Corporation would unite with him in running out [125] a Pier at said Slip was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition was received from Henry A. & John G. Coster and others praying that a Pier might be directed to be run out on the East side of the Old Slip to extend two hundred & fifty feet into the river— Whereupon it was Resolved that the said Pier be run out and also that Two Piers be sunk at Peck Slip, one on the South or West side, the other to be constructed with the bulk head on the East side to extend two hundred & fifty feet into the river

And that there be sunk two piers between Fly Market and Burling Slip

That the abovementioned Piers be sunk under the usual directions of this Board, provided that the Proprietors of each comply with the act of the Legislature in such case made, and that they loan to this

* Marginal note reads *p. 105. 87.*—ED.

Corporation for the period of five years the sums necessary to complete their proportion of the piers at six per Cent. per annum—And further that the Street Commr be directed to advertize for proposals as soon as he shall be informed that the said Proprietors are ready to comply with the above Condition.

A Petition was read from the Proprietors in Hague Street praying that said street might be paved, the same was referred to the Aldermen and Assistant of the (4th) Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A request was made on behalf of the [126] Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church in this City, that the Corporation would sell to them the Engine House now standing on their burial ground On motion resolved that the said House be given to the said Congregation.

A request was also made on behalf of the said Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church to extend their line of *Vaults under the street in Wall Street from their present Easterly line to the Lot of Charles Gardner. Resolved that the same be granted under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the (1st) Ward and the Street Commissioner.

Mrs Bowers was also authorized to build a Vault at the Corner of Second & Rivington Streets under the like direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the ( ) Ward and the Street Commissioner.

An application from John McLean Commissary of Military Stores complaining of Manure being heaped up near the Arsenal & requesting that the North line of the Arsenal lot might be ascertained and that the Collect drain might be opened was read and referred to Aldermen Bingham [&] Wood & Mr Douglass.

Mr J. H. Sickles in behalf of the Building Committee requested an advance of $3000, which was granted.

Alderman Bingham from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jno Francis La Forgue Jr praying to be released from the maintenance of a bastard child, presented a report favorable to said Petition, which report together with the accompanying [127] Documents was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

The City Inspector reported that an Ordinance had been passed and served on the 8th inst upon Edward West directing him to dig out & regulate two lots of ground in Church Street near the corner of Duane Street, that said Ordinance had not been complied with, & recommended that a further ordinance be passed which was presented

* Marginal note reads *p. 105.*—Ed.

—Ordered that said ordinance pass, and that the Attorney of the Board be directed to prosecute him for disobedience of the former ordinance.

The City Inspector also reported ordinances for correction of certain Nuisances from N° 4885 to N° 4891 which were passed.

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Cheif Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies.

N° 2.

James Dorset Silver plater 275 Pearl Street 2d Ward
V. Timy Youle.

N° 5.

Donald Malcom Merchant	174 Broadway	3d W.	vice Timy Youle
John Stever Furrier	120 Wm Street	2d "	" Wm Underhill
Daniel Aim Grocer	19 Mott St.	6th "	" Jn° Downing

N° 8.

Adrian B. Holmes Silver Smith	48 Church / 68 Chatham	4th "	" Wm Sharp
Nathl Tylee—Turner	83 Chatham	" "	" Archd Mann

N° 17.

Charles Westcoat. Carpenter 44 Oak Street " " " Mattw Mount decd

The Comptroller Reported that he had examined the Books & Vouchers of the Superintendant of the Alms House for the quarter ending the 30th of April last and found that there was due to the Superintendant a Balance of $7766.39 [128] which report was ordered to be filed with the Comptroller.

A communication was also received from the Superintendant of the Alms House requesting payment of said balance Whereupon Ordered that a Warrant issue for $1766.39 being the balance due upon the last quarter, the sum of $6000 having been paid him on the 8th instant.

The Comptroller presented to the Board a Deed from the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of this City to Peter Bonnett for Lots N° 6. 7. & 8. fronting on Chatham Street, and for lot N° 25 fronting on Augustus Street which Deed having been examined by the Council of the Board, it was ordered that his Honor the Mayor cause the Common Seal to be affixed thereto. The Comptroller also presented a Bond from John Bingham & Peter Bonnett to said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty conditioned for the payment of Ten thousand dollars in one year from date with lawful interest in payment for said lots, which Bond was accepted.

The Comptroller also presented the Draft of an Agreement between Jacob Wilkins and the Corporation for a Pier at Courtlandt Street, which upon being examined, & approved of, by the Council of the Board was ordered to be executed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Conklin praying payment for regulating and paving Rynder Street Reported that Mr Concklin had performed the work and ought to receive his money—Whereupon the Street Commissioner was directed to take measures forthwith for the collection of the same.

The Committee to whom was referred the [129] *Petition of the Inhabitants of White Street praying that the remainder of the Street may be paved, reported, that in their opinion the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted and they presented an ordinance for that purpose, which report was agreed to & the ordinance passed and Peter Arell, Joseph Demarest, Joseph Dederer, Benjamin Romaine, & Saml Hutchings were appointed Assessors.

The following Report was at the last meeting of this Board referred to a Committee.

†" The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of John R. Livingston and others praying that Provost Street between the present pavement & Chaple Street be paved, has the honor to Report

That this portion of Provost Street was regulated last fall and is probably sufficiently settled to pave with safety, and that he believes that the Petition contains a majority of the present proprietors: But as it is probable, that a Gore of vacant ground will be taken to continue Sugar Loaf Street into Provost Street, it will perhaps be adviseable to suspend the paving of this Street until the Board have determined upon the propriety of that improvement; as the pavement will in this case be very differently arranged. The Street Commissioner is of opinion that this improvement altho' small deserves the attention of the Board, as the ground is now vacant; and recommends that it be referred to a Committee, who will view the premisses All which is respectfully submitted

(Sd) John S Hunn"

[130] And now Alderman Bingham from the said Committee presented the following Report

"The Committee to whom the Report of the Street Commissioner was referred, respecting the propriety of extending Sugar Loaf Street into Provost Street have the honor to Report

* Marginal note reads *p. 117.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *p. 102. 119.*—Ed.

That they have viewed the premises and caused the annexed Survey to be made which in their opinion plainly shews the advantages which will result to the neighborhood & community by making the improvement suggested.

The ground that this arrangement will take into the Street is now vacant and if left, the lots upon it will be askew. If the Street be carried through the ground will be square; and as there is not more than one & three quarters of a town lot, in the plot required to make this improvement, the Committee are of opinion that the Board ought to direct the street Commissioner to treat with the proprietors for it, without delay; for if buildings were put up (& it is a portion of the City rapidly improving) the expence would be considerably encreased, and the Corporation blamed for want of foresight

(Sd) John Bingham
Thos J. Campbell."

which was confirmed.

Alderman Bingham from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter P. Van Zandt & others praying that Washington Street may be paved from Warren to Chamber Street reported

" That Washington Street from Warren Street to Reed Street has never been paved, but that it is paved from Reed to Jay Streets—That it would [131] in the opinion of the Committee be adviseable to pave it & lay the walks from Warren to Chamber Street of the present width of fifty feet as it is built upon agreeably to the wishes of the petitioners; but as the greatest part of the nuisance which exists in that street will remain still, unless the residue is paved, the Committee are of opinion that it would be proper to direct the curb Stone to be laid and the Carriage way paved from Chamber to Reed Street of the intended width of sixty feet. As there are no buildings within the last distance the Committee think it inexpedient to lay the walks there at present.

In Conformity with these ideas they present the draft of an ordinance, which they are of opinion ought to pass

Signed. John Bingham
Thos J. Campbell.

Which Report was agreed to and an Ordinance passed to carry the same into effect and Peter Arell, Joseph Demarest, Joseph Dederer, Benjamin Romaine and Samuel Hutchins were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred to treat with the proprietors of the triangular plot of ground at the intersection of George, Lombard, & Cheapside Streets reported

"That he has called upon the several proprietors and finds that it is an undivided estate belonging to six persons in the following proportions

$\frac{2}{5}$ths to Col^{l} Henry Rutgers	$\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{5}$ to W^{m} Crosby
$\frac{1}{5}$ to M^{rs} Ann Bancker	$\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{5}$ to John Beekman &
$\frac{1}{5}$ to M^{rs} M^{c}Crea	$\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{5}$ to Henry Bedlow

[132] and that Robert M^{c}Kie hired the same at the rate of £14. ℔ annum.

The Street Commissioner further reports, that upon representing to the Proprietors, that it was the intention of the Corporation to keep this ground forever open as a Park, for an ornament to that part of the City, & to enclose it & plant trees around it, (in the manner they have done at Duane Street) all the proprietors except Henry Bedlow, have agreed to cede their estate therein to the Corporation gratis upon the condition it is appropriated to the aforesaid purposes. M^{r} Bedlow resides at Newark to whom the Commissioner twice wrote and received the following answer, wherein he consents to abide by the opinion of referees as to the value of his right in the premises.

Robert M^{c}Kie is represented to be a poor man, he hired the premises for the purpose of establishing a Brewery; had dug the Cellar, framed his timber, and prepared the Boards for a small building, when he was requested to stop his work.

He has therefore been put to expence which he ought to be relieved from. And he has consented to leave it to the decision of two persons reciprocally chosen for that purpose, with power to appoint an umpire to judge between them in case they disagree.

The Street Commissioner recommends that this course be pursued, and that the Board appoint George Gosman on their part to unite with another to be appointed by M^{r} M^{c}Kie—and that those two persons also decide upon the right of M^{r} Bedlow: as the interest of these persons is so small, that it would be imprudent to leave it to the decision of [133] a Jury which would add unnecessary expence upon the inhabitants.

As this Ground is now incumbered with the earth from the Cellar & with Carriages &c^{a} the Street Commissioner solicits permission from the Board to direct it to be put in the order required, as no good can result from delay and it is now dangerous to passengers in the night.

All which is respectfully submitted

Signed John S Hunn

which Report was confirmed.

The Street Commissioner reported that in pursuance of the directions of the Board he had endeavored to treat with Messs Somerydycks the proprietors of the Stable now standing upon the ground ceded by the State for the continuation of Bridge Street, that they had demanded the sum of $888. which in his opinion was much more than their value, and therefore recommended that the Sheriff be directed to impannel a Jury to assess their interests in the usual manner

which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner in pursuance of the *order of the Board presented the draft of an ordinance for paving Front Street from Peck Slip to James' Slip, which was passed and James Titus John Seaman Willett Hicks. John Targee and James Coles were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner also in pursuance of an †order of the Board presented the draft of an Ordinance for repairing the walks in Broadway which was passed and John Bogert Nathaniel [134] McVickar James Van Horn Robert Morris Jr and John H. Sickles were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner represented that he was again under the necessity of stating to the Board, that Abraham Stagg still neglected to complete his Contract for regulating Ridge Street; he therefore recommended that the attorney of the Board be directed to institute a suit against Mr Stagg for breach of said Contract—Which report was confirmed.

The Street Commissioner made the following representation respecting the situation of Gouverneurs Alley

"The Street Commissioner has the honor of stating to the Board, that the sewer carried thro.' Gouverneurs lane by Nicholas Gouverneur deceased having been stopped by making South Street, it has become a great nuisance to that neighborhood, & that the southerly half of Gouverneurs lane between front and South Streets has never been paved and is in a shameful condition and requires the immediate interference of the Board.

Since the death of Mr Gouverneur Front Street has been paved, and gratings are made at the intersections to admit the water either in the Sewer or thro' cavities opened by the tide. These gratings are now filled with every kind of the most offensive substances.

Situated as this Street is it will be inexpedient to stop up this sewer, as there is no other way to discharge its waters, but it will be necessary

* Marginal note reads *p. 119.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *118.*—Ed.

to clean it out & extend it to the River—This ought to be done before it is paved, & it would [135] be adviseable to alter at the same time the gratings & turn them in the manner done in Broad Street. The Street Commissioner therefore submits the following draft of an Ordinance to correct this evil, which in his opinion ought to be passed"

John S Hunn St Cr

Whereupon an Ordinance was passed in pursuance of said recommendation & Andrew Morris Isaac Sebring John Nitchie Junr Robert Morris Junr & Samuel Tooker were appointed Assessors.

Aldermen Mott & Minthorne were placed upon the Committee relative to the Site of a Church in Hamilton Square in place of Aldn Mesier & Drake, one of whom was absent and the other expected soon to leave the City.

Zophar R. Jarvis & Andrew Onderdonk were each authorized to erect Hay Scales near the junction of the Bloomingdale & Harlem roads, & were severally appointed Weighers of Hay in & for the City and County of New York

Resolved on motion of Aldn Wood that the Street Commissioner cause Hudson Street to be opened from the grounds of John Jacob Astor to Christopher Street agreably to a former resolution of this Board.

Resolved that the Strt Commissioner be directed to obtain a Copy of a Patent granted by Governor Nichols to Jacob Kip Septr 16th 1667 recorded [136] in the office of the Secretary of the Province of New York in Book of Patents No 2. page 83.

Resolved that the suspension of the *Ordinance to Mrs Ogden [be] directed [to] be taken off & that she now proceed forthwith to comply with the same.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts.

362	Capt. N. Lawrence City Watch	276.36
363	" Wm Van Wart do	276.36
364	" Wm Peterson do	266.56
365	" James Snow do	266.56
366	" Thomas Darling do	276.36
367	" J. Anderson do	276.36
368	Bart. Skaats & asst 1 Qr Salary & expences	112.
369	Roswell Graves Sup: int: Streets. Salary to 1st May	92.
370	James Hardie salary for May	63.62
371	Andrew Otterson do	54.
372	Edward Moran do	54.

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373	John Declew Inspr of Bread balce of 1 Qr Saly	78.70
374	Southwick & Co printg for City Inspr & St Comssr	143.75
375	J. Desnoues advertising Daily Advr	1.75
376	Michl Burnham Subsn Evening Post ½ Yr	37.50
377	John H. Sickles Building Committee	1'000.
378	Do Do	1000.
379	Do Do	1000.
380	Wm Mooney Suprintendant Alms House balance last quarter	1766.39
	Drs	7042.27

[137] In Common Council. June 5th 1809.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Samuel M. Hopkins, John Bingham, Thurston Wood, Mangle Minthorne } Esquires Aldermen

John Slidell, Benjamin Haight, Adrian Hegeman, Thomas J. Campbell, Isaac S. Douglass, Samuel Torbert, Jasper Ward, John Drake } Esquires Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Ordinance was presented by his Honor the Mayor.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened that it shall and may be lawful for the Keeper of the City Prison to employ the persons sentenced to confinement in the City prison, at work on the Public Highways, under such directions as shall be given to him from time to time by the Committee of Roads, and that the said Committee have authority to repair the Powder House for the accommodation of the said Convicts Whereupon on motion it was resolved that the said Ordinance become a law of this Corporation.

[138] A Petition was received from James Blacklige praying to be appointed Superintendant of Convicts who shall be sentenced to labor. Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee on applications.

A request was received from the Commissioners of Fortifications for the use of a Marquee belonging to the Corporation to be returned when required & in as good condition as when received Ordered that said request be complied with.

A Petition was received from Cornelius T. Williams & others praying that a Butcher Stall may be erected at the intersection of Bowery & Broadway roads, and

A petition from James Marsh to be permitted to sell meat in the lower fly Market were severally read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was received from William Strong & others retail shopkeepers near the foot of Vesey Street remonstrating against the use to which Mr Godwin was putting the Ferry House, which he was lately authorized to erect at said place, which as they alledge instead of being a ferry house, is made a Retail Grocery & Grog-shop to their injury & to that of the Public. Resolved that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee

Petitions were received from James Bryden and Preserved Betts praying remission of forfeitures incurred by them for selling liquor without licence, which were severally referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A representation was received from J. C. Lynch stating that three years since he was authorized to erect a Lamp at his House North Corner of Courtlandt and Greenwich Streets which was to be lighted by the Public but that lately the Lamp-lighter had as he said by authority of the Board refused lighting the same

[139] A similar representation was received from Peter Schermerhorn Junr respecting his Lamp at the South Corner of Courtlandt & Greenwich Sts Whereupon resolved that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition was received from Jas. C. Roosevelt praying permission to dig a Vault in front of his lot—corner of Broadway & Leonard Street and

A similar petition from Freeman Clarkson for a Vault in front of his lot in Liberty Street

A similar request from Abraham Brower & James Anderson for vaults opposite their lots in Broadway were read and granted under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the respective Wards ( ) and the Street Commissioner

A Petition from William Neilson and others praying that the Curb stone of Broadway may be laid and the side walks filled with Gravel from the present pavement of said Street to Art Street which was granted and the Street Commissioner directed to present an Ordinance in conformity thereto.

A Memorial was received from sundry Inhabitants in & about the Coffee House slip complaining of great incumbrances by the Cartmen and Porters leaving their Carts and Barrows in the Streets and upon the side walks which upon being read were referred to Aldermen Hopkins [&] Mott & Mr Slidell

A Letter was received from Wm G. Forbes as Execr of the Estate of Garret Van Gelder requesting that the ordinance for repaving the side walks [140] in Broadway might be superseded so far as respected the walk in front of the property of the said Estate as the property was shortly to be sold, the same was referred to Messs Slidell Haight & Campbell.

A Petition from Jameson Cox & others praying that Second Street might be paved between Grand and Broome Street was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the ( ) Ward.

A representation was received from the Petitioners for running out piers between Burling Slip & Fly market, stating that they had endeavored to procure money on the Corporation Bonds for the said purpose at Six ℔ Cent as directed by the late *resolution of the Board, but could not effect the Loan Whereupon it was Resolved that the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips be authorized to borrow money for this Boards proportion of said Piers for the term of five years at Seven Per Cent. per annum, and that the Bonds of this Corporation be issued for the same And that said Committee have power to make Contracts with such persons as they shall judge proper for running out said piers, and to carry the same into execution.

A request was received from John Jones in behalf of the Estate of John Jones decd praying permission to build a pier on a line with the southwest side of the Coffee House Slip, and extending into the East River in front of the property belonging to said Estate which on being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Letter from Isaac Auld Contractor for lighting the Public Lamps was received stating that he could not make an agreement with Jacob Cholwell the late [141] Contractor respecting the Oil which was to be received from him and wished that a Committee might be appointed to make the necessary arrangements on the subject—Whereupon resolved that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee with authority to make such arrangements with Mr Auld as they shall judge expedient.

A Letter was received from Cornelius Ray and A. L. Bleecker

* Marginal note reads *p. 125.*—ED.

Loan Officers, stating that the interᵗ on Geo: B. Evarts mortgage was still unpaid. Resolved that the same be referred to the Comptroller

A request was received from the Superintendant of Repairs for an advance of Dʳˢ 300. Ordered that a Warrant issue for said sum.

A representation from the Superintendant of the Alms House, on the propriety of laying up fuel & other necessaries for the House and requesting an advance of Dʳˢ 6000., was also rec'd and ordered that a Warrant issue for the said sum.

A representation of the City Inspector on the propriety of establishing a Watch stand at the Whitehall Slip, was referred to the Watch Committee

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from Nº 4892 to 4899 which were directed to pass.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Cheif Engineer reporting corresponding vacancies.

Hook & Ladder Company Greenwich Nº 3

Isaac DeBoise Carpenter Hudson Stᵗ 8ᵗʰ Ward Vice Thoˢ Sherwood
Andrew Bleakley Marshall Budd Sᵗ do " Andʷ Hegerman.

Fire Engine Company Nº 26.

William Whaley Cartman Grand Stᵗ 10ᵗʰ Ward v John Walters

[142] A Report was received from the Council of the Board on the subject of the *account of I. A. Van Hook for Costs in the suit of the Corporation against Comfort Sands and daughter, which report was referred to Alderman Hopkins Messˢ Mulligan & Hegeman

The Market Committee to whom were referred the †Petitions of Alexander Jeroleman & John Stamler praying leave to exchange stalls, reported that the prayer of the petition be granted; which was agreed to.

The same Committee on the petition of Jos: Skillman for permission to erect a Butchers stall at Greenwich reported that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted as he already held a Stall in one of the markets—which was confirmed.

The Comptroller presented a report on the subject of the accounts of the overseers of the Highways, which was directed to be referred to the Road Committee.

The Comptroller also presented a Report on the ‡Petition of B. Ferris praying payment of fees due him for collection of arrea[ra]ges

* Marginal note reads *p. 124.*—Ed.
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‡ Marginal note reads *p. 124.*—Ed.

of Tax from J. Striker Collector of the 3d Ward, in which report the Comptroller recommended that a Warrant issue in the present instance for payment of said acct amounting to Drs 143 45/100 but that the subject be referred to the Council of the Board to prepare the draft of a memorial to the Legislature to compel in future such Costs to be paid by the delinquent Collector

Which said Report was agreed to and a Warrant directed to issue.

The Committee appointed to confer with a [143] Committee from the Proprietors of Hamilton Square and a Committee from persons disposed to erect an Episcopal Church on the ground reserved for a Church & an Academy and to agree upon the space to be set off for said Church reported

That they met the said Committees upon the Ground at Hamilton Square designed for a church & academy, on tuesday last, and agreed with them that a plot of one hundred feet on Hoffman Street by one hundred and twenty five feet along Hamilton avenue should be sett off for the church with the exception of a five foot alley round the intended academy as pourtrayed upon the annexed plan and that the residue of the ground should be used for the said academy.

The Committee further report that they attended on thursday last with the Street Commissioner and Mr Charles Loss City Surveyor and staked out the ground for the Church at the Corner of Hoffman Street & Hamilton Avenue; which they hope will be approved of by the Board

June 5th Sigd John Bingham
Jacob Mott
Mangle Minthorne."

Resolved that the same be approved of.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Council of the Board & the Street Commissr on the claim of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Wall Street—reported, that it appears from a survey made by Mr Bond 1718 then City Surveyor that the ground claimed by the church, has remained from that to the present time occupied by the Corporation of this City as a Street and your Committee believing themselves not fully qualified to, are unwilling [144] to take the responsibility upon themselves to give an opinion upon the subject. The Committee further report, that they have had a conference with a Committee of the Trustees of the Church, who state that they are willing to have the business left to Referees, one to be appointed by them, & one by this Corporation & they two to choose a

third; the Committee submit the above proposition for the consideration of the Board, that it may take such measures as shall appear most adviseable.

June 5th 1809 Signed. Thurston Wood
Thomas J. Campbell
Samuel Torbert.

Ordered that the same lay over for consideration.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution to examine into the propriety of opening the Streets between Broadway & the Bowery into Bleecker Street reported

That they have been upon the ground and consulted the maps of the property—That there are four Streets which would let into Bleecker Street at about the distance of 200 feet from each other, but that there are two maps by which the property in that vicinity has been sold, which renders it impossible for the Committee or the Surveyors to determine upon the lines without the assistance of the Board.

That Mr Bleecker has been repeatedly called upon and solicited to cede Bleecker Street, but that he refuses to do it unless the Corporation will work and regulate the Street free of expence to him, which the Committee cannot recommend, as it would be establishing a dangerous and expensive precedent—The [145] Committee believe under all circumstances that the Board ought to adopt the red lines, upon the Map herewith presented, as the line of the Streets as all the Houses are built upon it, and that the Board ought to direct Mulberry Street to be opened & continued to Great Jones Street. And they therefore propose the following resolutions

*Resolved that Elizabeth Street Mott Street & Mulberry Street be run agreably to a Map made by Casimir T. Goerck and designated on a Copy of a map made by Charles Loss, of the property of Edward Livingston Esqr dated in the year 1805 by Red lines and numbers, and that said Map be filed & dated this day.

Resolved further that Mulberry Street be opened in the aforesaid direction to Great Jones Street without delay & that the Street Commissioner apply to the several proprietors for a Deed of Cession

June 5. 1809. Sd Mangle Minthorne
John Drake
Jno Slidell.

Which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner stated that an error having been discov-

* Marginal note reads *p. 98.*—ED.

ered in the apportionment of the money upon an Assessment for the paving of Jay Street, he had caused the same to be corrected by the Assessors, which was now presented to the Board for their confirmation Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Street Comss[r] recommended that George Gosman be appointed Assessor for laying the Walks in Broadway in place of John Bogert who was interested—Agreed to.

[146] *The Street Commissioner represented, that the improvement contemplated in Broadway opposite the Government House could not be effected under the Ordinance of 22[d] May last, he therefore presented an Ordinance as a substitute for the former, in which the same Assessors were named excepting Samuel Tooker who is interested, in whose place Daniel Smith was named

Ordered that said Ordinance do pass.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for assessing the Sum of D[rs] 154 $^{18}/_{100}$ expences incurred for repairing the †drain in Beaver Street which was passed and the Assessors in the above ordinance were appointed Viz: John Nitchie J[r] James W. Lent, Benjamin Stephens Garret Storm and Daniel Smith.

The Street Comss[r] presented a statement of the sums due to the several persons named in the award for opening ‡Cross Street which was ordered to be referred to Alderman Mott Mess[s] Hegeman & Torbert

The Street Comss[r] represented to the Board that Cheapside Street was in a very offensive situation and that it required to be immediately repaired he also presented an Ordinance for that purpose Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7[th] Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented to the Board a statement on the ||subject of laying the walks in the Bowery opposite to M[r] Dela Croixs Ordered that the same be referred to Ald[n] Bingham & Mess[rs] Douglass & John Drake.

[147] On motion of M[r] Ward Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs take immediate measures to remove the Buildings in Cross Street between Magazine & Little Water Street.

Resolved that Alderman Wood be added to the Committee upon the Petition of sundry persons confined on the limits, appointed at the last meeting of the Board.

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* Marginal note reads *p. 133.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *p. 63.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *p. 99.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *69.*—ED.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to remit to the Estate of James Walker the charge of interest, upon the sales of Inclenburgh lots to said James Walker.

A Resolution was moved that three additional lamps be placed in the Park, Ordered that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee with authority to erect them if they judge it proper.

On motion ordered that Mott Hicks having served as an assistant to the Street Comssr that he receive the same salary as the other assistants to the Street Comssr

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

No	381–2–3	Wm Mooney for Alms House each $2000	6000.
	384	Thos Hazard for himself & 2 turnkeys salary to 18th May	437.50
	385	Roswell Graves, Salary to his assistants to 1 June	178.75
	386	Jno V Brevoort, repairs to Jail	68.31
	387	Wm P. Roome Keeper of Potters field for May	31.
	388	Mattw Dikeman repairs to Pumps 6. 8 & 10th Wards	102.87
	389	Jas Richardson cleaning wells 7 & 8th do	34.
	390	Erasmus Lewis 1 lost firebucket	2.
	391	Mott Hicks Assistant Street Comssr for May	54.
	392	B. Ferris Sheriff fees collects arrearage tax 3d Ward	143.45
	393	John Bingham Esr Chairman of Committee of repairs	300.
			$7351.88

[148] In Common Council June 12th 1809

Present Pierre C Van Wyck, Esquire Recorder
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy—Mayor

Samuel M. Hopkins	Aldermen	John W. Mulligan	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Benjamin Haight	
John Bingham		Adrian Hegeman	
Nicholas Fish		Thomas J. Campbell	
Mangle Minthorne		Isaac S. Douglass	
		Jasper Ward	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition was received from Isaac Bell praying permission to dig a vault in front of his Lot in Greenwich Street, near the Battery—and

A similar request from Samuel Nosworthy to dig a vault in Hudson Street, were severally read and granted under the direction of the Alderman & Assistt of the respective wards & Street Commissioner.

Petitions were read from William Benjamin & Joel Scribner praying to have remitted to them that part of the penalty for selling liquors without licence which belongs to the Public—which upon being read was agreed to.

Petitions were also received from John Brewster and David J. Craig praying a like remission, which were severally referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A remonstrance was received from Henry Titus & others against the Ordinance for repaving Pearl Street between Rose & Chatham Streets, which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward.

A remonstrance was also received from sundry Inhabitants against *repaving Cheapside St which was [149] referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 7th Ward

A Remonstrance was received from Daniel Winship against the granting of a Butchers Licence to Daniel Tier Junr whom he alledges to be a minor—the same was referred to the Market Commtee

A Communication was received from Peter Schermerhorn stating that a proposition having been made to him some time since by the Street Commissioner respecting a strip of ground adjoining his property at Beekman Slip, he would now wish that a Committee might be appointed to confer with him upon the subject.

Resolved that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (2d) Ward & St Commissioner.

A Petition was received from Dirck Ammerman Ferry Master soliciting the use of the Mud Machine for cleansing the New Slip at Brooklyn. Referred to the Committee on Wharves Slips & Piers, to whom the care of said Machine was committed with authority to permit its use.

A Memorial from sundry inhabitants, complaining of the practice of persons swimming in the Hudson river was read; Ordered that the Law prohibiting that practice, & the Law for the observation of Sunday be published in Hand bills & by the Printers employed by this Board.

A Petition was received from Stephen Hitchcock Contractor for Street manure, stating that in the Law passed respecting sweeping & cleaning the Streets, the Boundaries for deposit of manure had been altered, which was injurious to him Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee [150] on farming out Streets with the exception of Alderman Wood, in whose place Alderman Mott was appointed

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A Petition from John Gardner was received stating that he was desirous of improving a Water Lot which he owned between Grand & Broome Street, but as he understood that the Corporation intended to establish a Ferry near Grand Street he wished the place of the ferry to be designated—the same was referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 10th ward, the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A Communication was received from Monsieur Neuville stating that a number of French persons had arrived from the Havana in a destitute condition & praying the assistance of the Corporation—Resolved that the same be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

An account was presented by Jacob Cockwell for lighting the Public Lamps from 10th of May to the 10th of June amounting to Ds 1334.45 Ordered that a Warrant issue in his favor for D. 800. & that his a/c be referred to the Lamp Committee for settlem.t

The Market Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of sundry inhabitants praying that John Kirk be permitted to erect a Butchers stall at the intersection of Broadway & Bowery road—reported that in their opinion the prayer of the said petition might be granted—Ordered that the same be granted

The Market Committee also requested permission for a shed to be erected over a Stall at Fly market in Water Street, to be done without expence to the Board and to be taken down whenever required—Ordered that permission be granted.

The Road Committee presented the following Report—That they attended on the Public roads on friday last & took a view of their situation [151] That they have made arrangements with Mr McKoy to take away a Rock opposite Benjamin Bakewells land, another near Mr Shutes, & the flat rock near Mr Semblers, which he is to do without expence to this Board & to make a stone bridge across the Street near Semblers & level the road so as to make it safe for passengers; and that Mr West is to remove some rocks near Somerendyck's free of expence to this Board The Road Committee further report, that they have directed a portion of the Rock opposite McGowns to be removed by the road master & engaged a rock-blower for that purpose, but that no other extra hands have been engaged, & that only the usual number are now employed

The Road Committee further report that they have viewed the old Powder House, which is now to be appropriated as a dwelling for the Convicts sentenced to work on the public roads—and that they have

* Marginal note reads p. 151—Ed.

directed the Superintendent of Public repairs to provide a new and better rooms so as to render it more safe by separating the animals, and to form a room for the Keeper—The expense of all which will be trifling as the partitions are to be made with boards.

The Committee recommend that the prisoners be employed in the first instance to complete the bridge near the powder house and to finishing so much of the road in a permanent manner as they will be able to accomplish, such as the gate at John Murray Jun' which will employ them probably during several months.

The Committee further report that [illegible] the Street Commissioner & Road Masters have represented to them that they cannot get the road opposite Dunham Square widened wider than it is now for the sum of 100 dollars heretofore appropriated for that purpose—and as it is entirely too narrow & it is important to the Corporation property to open that road sooner—the Committee recommend an additional appropriation of forty dollars for the purpose of making the said road of the width of twenty two feet.

June 12. 1849 Signed Nicholas Fish
Jacob Lorz

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Marcus Lagow & others praying that Hague Street might be regraded Reported * that they have viewed the premises & find the Street much out of order & requiring repair, that it is only twenty feet wide & being gravel to beyond the water in the center is often very deep & that it is without side walks.

The Committee therefore are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted & that the width of the said street should be left by the Corporation Vendue Agreement as it is and that the old stones, ought to be removed from the Street.

The Committee have prepared the draft of an Ordinance in connection with these regulations, which they recommend to be passed.

June 12. 1849 Simon Hagaman
John S. Dunn

Whereupon the Ordinance presented by the Committee was passed and John Brown Lewis Hatfield, Moses Taylor, Peter Sumner & Abraham Bockhout were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner in addition to the [illegible] reports of the Board presented a draft of an Ordinance for laying Cart Street

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&c in Broadway from the present pavement to Art Street, which ordinance passed and Clarkson Crolius, Richard Berrian, Jonathan Pinckney Gilbert Coutant & Abner Conklin were appointed Assessors.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry inhabitants near Coffee House Slip Reported that it will be proper that the Cartmen who frequent the neighborhood of that Slip, be required to take their Stand towards the water below Water Street and not in the Streets adjoining & that the Committee of Laws be instructed to bring in an Ordinance accordingly—which Report was agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the *petition of Geo: & P. Lorillard reported

That Leases be given to Peter & Geo: Lorillard for Lots N° 30. 31. & 32. Tryon Row to be dated after the expiration of the present leases at the rate of 125 Dollars per annum per Lot, & also a new Lease for lot N° 4 Chatham Street dated after the expiration of the present lease at the rate of 225 Dollars per annum if the right of preemption is in them, and to calculate the date of the new leases so that they will expire in 21 years from the 1st May last—And that Geo: Feigenheim be put on the same footing—If Mr Lorillard puts thereon Brick buildings of such size as the Board may direct, their Leases be put on the same footing as the [154] lease given to Henry Titus about four years since.

James Drake
May 31. 1809 (sigd) John Bingham
Isaac S. Douglass.

Resolved that the said Report be confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the †petition of sundry persons in confinement, respecting the extension of the jail limits reported, That they have considered the subject & are of opinion that the debtors who have by their petition prayed for liberty to go to the water, the market & Church, ought to be gratified in that reasonable request, as it may tend to their health & comfort.

The Committee have caused a sketch of ground in the vicinity to be made & are of opinion that the following lots of ground in addition to the former limits will accommodate the prisoners as well or better than any others & contain less than five acres.

1st Beginning at the walk on the north side of Murray St[t] at Chapel Street thence down that walk to Washington Street & thence the breadth of Murray Street and the Dock South of it called Dennings Wharf to the River.

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† Marginal note reads *p. 124.*—ED.

2d From the walk aforesaid where it intersects Greenwich Street on the East side, thence along the walk on the East side of Greenwich Street its present width to a point opposite the corner of Greenwich & Vesey Streets near the fish market thence the whole of Greenwich Street including the market to the south side of Partition Street & the whole of Vesey Street including the market from Greenwich St^{t} to Washington Street.

3d From the gate at the Park opposite Murray Street to take in the whole of the walk to the gate opposite Beekman Street thence along the walk to the gate letting towards the jail & thence along the walk from the Jail to the gate near Murray Street including all the ground within this triangle. and

4th From the Gate of the Park opposite Beekman Street a walk eight feet wide across Chatham Row to the walk at the Corner of the Presbyterian Church yard, thence along the walk in front of the Church to a point in a line with the Easterly side thereof & thence the whole of the Church & Church yard within the pales all which contains five acres nearly.

Nich^{s} Fish
John Bingham.

NB. The Committee being informed that the Church in Warren Street to which the present limits are extended has ceased to be used as a place of Public Worship—And as a Well of Excellent Water in Murray Street would be of real use to the debtors, the Com^{ee} recommend that the said ground be relinquished & that its equivalent in quantity be set off opposite said Well taking the whole breadth of the Street & equally on each side of said Well

Approved of.

Nich^{s} Fish
John Bingham

[155] The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from N° 4900 to N° 4903 inclusive which were ordered to pass.

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Floating Engine

Joseph Marschalk Plummer		334 Water St.	4th Ward v. Benj^{n} Lester resig^{d}
Thomas Youle	do	do	4th Ward Benj: A. Davoue dec^{d}
Halsey Mead Cooper			4th Ward And^{w} Beekman d^{d}

Engine Compy No 6

James Smith Cartman — Provost St — 5th Ward
v. Danl Aim resigned

Caleb Crane Grocer — Washington St — 3d
v. Saml Falconer — do

No 12

Philip J. Arcularius Junr Chair maker — Pearl Strt — 4th W.
v. John J. Roome — do

No 14

Elias Van Antwerp Clerk — 212 Greenwh St — 3d W.
v Lawrence McDermot — do

No 16.

John M. Kead Attorney — 36 Courtlandt St
v Charles Smith Jr — do

No 21.

Joshua Gilbert Tobacconist — 263 Water St — 4 W.
v. William Nexsen, at sea

The Comptroller presented the following report upon the Account of his Honor the Mayor, " That it appears that Mayor received from the Deputy Clerks of the Markets the sum of Six thousand thirty four Dollars and fifty six cents exclusive of fees for collection and expences of sweeping & cleaning the Markets. He has also examined the accounts of the Mayor for money received by him for Tavern Licences from the 17th February 1808 to March 1809, that he has received Six thousand three hundred and Eighty six Dollars & twenty five Cents for Seventeen Hundred & three Tavern Licences—And has retained by Agreement One half of the Market fees to his own use and paid Two [156] two hundred & forty two dollars & forty two cents for printing & other charges, & has retained three tenths of the Tavern Licences, as per account rendered leaving a Balance due the Corporation agreably to Acct Current of Two thousand two hundred and forty five dollars and twenty four Cents, which has been paid to the City Collector in full on the 27th May last.

June 12. 1809. G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller

Ordered that the same be filed.

The Comptroller also presented a statement of the account of Bart. Skaats, as follows.

The account and vouchers of Bartholomew Skaats have been examined by the subscriber, by which it appears that he received on the

6th June 1808 Six hundred Dollars to purchase fuel for the use of the City Hall; that there was a balance remaining in his hands from the year before of 41.87 making together $641.87 out of which he has expended for Coal, Firewood, Carting &c[a] the sum of $626.31 leaving a balance now in his possession of $15.56 besides $550 advanced to him the 15th May last, for the purchase of fuel for the ensuing season.

June 12. 1809. G. N. Bleecker Compt[r]

Ordered that the same be filed.

Resolved that M[r] Auld Contractor for Lamps furnish at the next meeting of the Board an account of the number of the Lamps & Ladders out of repair at the time of his receiving them, under his charge, with the probable, & if possible, an accurate account of the expence of repairing them, in order that the Lamp Committee may be enabled to adjust the former Contractors acc[ts].

On motion of M[r] Ward Resolved that Ten [157] Thousand Dollars be borrowed of Gerard Walton Esq[r] and that a Bond be issued for the same payable in five years with lawful Interest—the interest payable yearly for the purpose of running out the East or middle pier at Peck Slip and that the Committee make Contracts for the same That the Street Commissioner advertize for the Pier on the South side of the Slip according to Law, should the proprietors not be willing to comply with the plan of the Corporation

Resolved on like motion that the Street Commissioner procure a Survey and fix the Ascent & descent of all those Streets lying between Broadway & Bowery Road to the north of Prince Street & Southward of Great Jones Street.

On like motion that a Committee be appointed to report whether it would not be expedient to Commute for all quit rents on grants made prior to 1800 & to report a Plan for disposing of the same was disagreed to

The following Resolution was presented Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to have all tubs and troughs for containing water removed from the Public Pumps & take measures for keeping them clear in future. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Repairs.

On Motion Ordered that the Well near the Friends Meeting House in Pearl Street be filled up and the Pump removed, & that a new Well be sunk in the neighborhood under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward and the Superintendant of Repairs.

[158] On motion the Street Commissioner was added to the Com-

mittee appointed at the last meeting on the *Petition of Jameson Cox & others on the subject of paving Second Street.

On motion Ordered that a Warrant issue in favour of the Committee of Repairs for Drs 500.

The Street Commissioner presented a plan of the two †piers directed on the 29th May last to be run out between the Fly Market & Burling Slip which was agreed to, & he was directed to advertize the same according to Law.

The Street Commissioner also presented a plan of a pier to be sunk on the Eastern side of Coenties Slip as ordered by the Board on the 29th of May last which was adopted and it being suggested that the persons interested therein were desirous of employing Justus Dearman to build the said Pier & he having offered to Contract to build the same for the sum of Ds 9625 Whereupon Resolved that the Board will agreably to their former resolution contribute their proportion of the sum amounting to Dolls 3200 upon Condition that the Proprietors release to them all their right if any they have of the Water to the Westward of said Pier, And that the Street Commissioner enter into agreements with them accordingly.

Ordered that his honor the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay:

No 394	Capt. N. Lawrence—City Watch	276.36
395	" Wm Van Wart do	276.36
396	" Wm Peterson do	266.56
397	" James Snow do	266.56
398	" Thos Darling do	276.36
399	" Isaac Anderson do	276.36
400	Tunis Wortman—recording Deeds &c	14.75
401	Js Cheetham 6 Mos Subsn & advertizing	42.15
402	[159] John A Crolius Inspector of Bread Bal: 1 qr salary	96.30
403	Charles Marsh Collector, for assessment on repairing Wharf at Fly Market	47.25
404	Wm S. Castles repairing Pumps 2d Ward	66.90
405	Danl Davis for a new Well Corner of Orchard & Hester Streets	35. 0
406	Lewis Hartman sinking a new well in Pearl near Rose Street (No 25)	27. 0
407	Benjn Hoghland timber &c to Engine House	103.81
408	Israel Haviland repairing Engines from 3d Nov. 1808 to 5th June 1809	783.50
409	Jno Bingham Esr Chairmn Comittee repairs	500.
410	Jacob Cholwell on a/c 1 Mos lighting Lamps to 10th June inst	800.
	Dolls	4155.22

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[160] In Common Council June 19th 1809.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esqr Recorder
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Aldermen.
- Samuel M. Hopkins
- Charles Dickenson
- John Bingham
- Mangle Minthorne

Assistants
- John W. Mulligan
- Benjamin Haight
- Adrian Hegeman
- Thomas J. Campbell
- Isaac S. Douglass
- Samuel Torbert
- Jasper Ward
- John Drake

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A representation was received from Gabriel Havens and others complaining of Cartmen incumbering the street & sidewalks in Front Street between Beekman Slip and Crane wharf—Whereupon Resolved that the Cartmen who frequent Beekman Slip be and they are hereby directed to take their stands between Front Street and the head of the Slip and not in the Streets leading towards it, and that the order be published.

A Letter was received from A. I. McLaughlin resigning his office of Steward of the Alms House Ordered that the same be accepted.

A Petition from James Dobbin & others praying that the two Lamps at the foot of Division Street might be permitted to remain was read, and on motion Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted

Petitions were read from Wm McFall, Wm Allen, [161] Wm Spies and John Whitson praying to be relieved from the penalty incurred by them for selling liquors without Licence & were severally referred to the attorney of the Board.

A Petition was also received from Edward West praying to be released from a penalty incurred by him in not complying with an Ordinance of the Board respecting filling in certain Lots & upon being read was referred to the attorney of the Board.

A Petition from Nichs Lozier to be appointed Superintendant of the Convicts to be employed on the Public roads was read & referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of Thomas Duggan stating his losses in consequence of the regulations respecting Canal Street and praying the loan of D$ 1000 was received & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Henry Parmele stating losses which he had sustained in consequence of a Contract he had made respecting the Mud Machine, and that he was now in great distress and praying the grant of D^rs 50, was read & referred to the Comptroller

A Remonstrance from Henry Roome & others against repaving Broadway was received & referred to Mess^s Slidell Haight & Campbell

A remonstrance from Grove Wright and Robert Morris against issuing a Grant for Water Lots to John Jackson at Brooklyn was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, [162] Slips & piers, the Ferry Committee & Comptroller.

A Letter was rec'd from Gouverneur Morris Esq^r on behalf of the Commissioners for laying out Roads &c^a enclosing their account of the Expenditure of the sums heretofore granted, and requesting an advance of D^s 1000—Ordered that the account be referred to the Comptroller, & that a Warrant issue in favor of the Commissioners for One thousand Dollars.

A Letter from the Superintendant of Streets requesting an advance of D^rs 100. for defraying the expences of his department—Ordered that a Warrant issue for that sum.

A Memorial was received from Thomas Eddy treasurer of the New York Hospital requesting the determination of the Board as to the charge which is to be hereafter made by the Alms House against the Hospital for Interments—Ordered that the same be referred to Alderman Bingham, Drake & M^r Slidell.

A request from Nathan M^cVickar to build a Vault in front of his lot in Partition Street was granted under the directions of the Alderman & assistant of the Ward & the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Margaret Ogden praying that she may be permitted to build a cemented brick vault in her yard instead of filling up the same as Ordered by the Ordinance of the Board, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (1^st) Ward and the City Inspector.

[163] A Petition from Oliver Jacques & others for removing a house of W^m J. Waldron that stands in Walker Street, was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5^th Ward.

A complaint of Jacob Lally & others that Greenwich Street was neglected to be properly cleaned was referred to Alderman Mott Mess^s Ward & Douglass.

A remonstrance from Charles Dobbs & others against changing the present limits for depositing Manure was referred to the Com-

mittee to whom was referred at the last meeting of the Board the petition of Stephen Hitchcock.

A Memorial was received from Isaac Clason & others praying that Charlotte Slip might be completed, & for that purpose that a Wharf might be run out on the West side of said Slip from a lot now or late the property of John Grant and extending so far as to form a safe & convenient Basin for the reception of vessels—Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of said petition be granted and that the Street Commissioner be directed to present the draft of an Ordinance for carrying the same into effect.

A Petition was received from Thomas Demarest and others praying that Piers [164] may be run out at the foot of Barclay, Robinson, Murray, Warren and Chambers Streets into the Hudson to the permanent line Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips & to the Street Commissioner.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Goelet, reported

"That it appears to the Committee that the Petition of Mr Goelet contains a fair statement of the facts relating to his case. Under the particular circumstances thereof the Committee are of opinion that without intending to make this case a precedent for others the request of Mr Goelet ought to be granted, but that the same ought to be upon such terms, as will place both the Corporation and Mr Goelet in the same situation as they would have been in if he had himself built the piers; for this purpose they are of opinion that Mr Goelet should repay the Corporation their Principal with interest and other expences if any such there are.

To prevent misunderstanding with Mr Goelet it may be proper that he should expressly relinquish any claim if any such he has to any Wharfage for the offset of twenty feet part of the front of the old Dock which is left within the Slip by the offset of the new pier June 1809

(Signed) Jacob Mott
Saml M. Hopkins.

On reading the petition of Peter Goelet & the report of the Committee thereon Resolved that on [165] payment to this Board of the Principal interest and expences, if any, therein referred to & on Mr Goelets executing a Release of the twenty feet offset mentioned in the report, that this Board will quit claim to Mr Goelet in fee the wharf

mentioned in his petition with the income thereof from the time the same was built & that the Comptroller adjust the account accordingly.

Alderman Bingham from the Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Street Commissioner relative to laying the Walks in the Bowery opposite to M. Dela Croix Reported that the original Contractors should proceed with their work agreably to their Contract on Condition of their paying M. dela Croix for what dirt he may have deposited on his walk—which report was confirmed.

The Street Commissioner on the subject of opening Chambers Street made the following Report

" That he has been informed that M^{r} Lorillard intends immediately building upon a lot in Augustus Street, which the Corporation have in contemplation to appropriate to the Street; and as M^{r} Weathershine is kept in suspence respecting his lot, & complains of the inconvenience & loss it is to him to remain in that situation; the Street Commissioner suggests the propriety of determining upon the subject finally; & if it should be agreed that the street is to go through he conceives a resolution to the following effect would [166] be proper That the entire lots of ground N^{os} 25. 26. & 27 situate in Augustus Street, and the entire lots of ground N^{os} 6. 7 and 8 situate on Chatham Street be taken for the purpose of extending Chamber Street to Chatham Street, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to treat with the proprietors in behalf of this Board agreably to law

all which is respectfully submitted

June 19, 1809. John S. Hunn.

Which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner agreably to the request of the Committee upon Wharves Piers & Slips presented a Map of the ground round Peck Slip with the position of the Piers recommended to be extended into the River and proposed the following Resolutions in conformity therewith

Resolved that the two piers directed to be extended into the East River in front of Peck slip be erected and made in conformity with a plan exhibited by the Street Commissioner, signed by him & dated this day; and that he be and hereby is directed to advertize the most westerly pier in the public News papers (agreably to Law) to be commenced on or before the 10th of August next, and to be completed on or before the first day of December next.

Resolved further that the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips be

and they are hereby authorized to unite with the proprietors to carry the objects of the foregoing resolution into effect and that they receive and decide upon Proposals for extending the middle pier. all which is respectfully submitted

June 19th 1809 John S Hunn St. Cr

Which were adopted

[167] The Commissioners of the Alms House to whom the *case of John F. La Forgue junr had been submitted, reported

That they have read the report of the Committee appointed to investigate the case of John Francis La Forgue junr referred to them by your Honble body, & have attentively examined the other documents accompanying it, and very respectfully inform the Board that they are of opinion the matter ought not, and does not come within their province to decide on, and consequently feel bound to return the papers without expressing their opinion officially on the subject; they feel no hesitation however in saying in an inofficial form, as the result of their investigation, that the Report of the Committee bears evident marks of fair conclusions, drawn from good evidence before them.

All which is respectfully submitted

Alms House
June 19. 1809. } Signed John H. Sickles. Jno J. Westervelt James Teller John McKesson.

Resolved that the same lie on the table.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies.

No 25.

States Williams Porter Housekeeper Wm St. 4th W. v Valentine Hicks resgd
John Embler Hatter Water Stt 4th W. Sylvanus F. Jenkins do
John Bonsall jr lumber Mercht Greenwh S 3d W. John Hunn do
Jesse Seaman Grocer Beekman St 2d W. Wm Higgins do
Job Griffin do Church 5 W. Saml McCoun do
Epenatus B. Walmsley Clerk Ferry 4 W. Silas Hicks do
Thomas Foot Bricklayer Greenwch 5 W. Edwd Probyn

No 19.

Daniel Shading Merchant 22 Mott Stt 6th Isaac Pangburn decd

* Marginal note reads *p. 126.*—Ed.

[168] The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of Nuisances from N° 4904 to N° 4907 inclusive which were ordered to pass.

The City Inspector also reported on the State of the Vault belonging to the African Church, and as the Law preventing interments in the same had expired, presented a new ordinance on the subject which was passed. And it was Resolved that the Members of that Congregation be permitted to inter their Dead in that part of Potters field which has heretofore been assigned to them.

Resolved that the Committee on applications be discharged from further consideration on the Petition of Henry Blackledge & that the same be referred to the Road Committee

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to investigate the conduct of the officers of this Board & that they report such as they find delinquent and that said Committee consist of Alderman Mott Messs Ward & Douglass.

Resolved that the Warrant of the Collector of Taxes for the Third Ward be extended thirty days for the purpose of enabling him to collect monies still due

Pat McGuin having resigned his office as a Measurer, the same was accepted.

Resolved that John N. Johnston be & he hereby is appointed a Measurer of this City

Resolved that the pay of the Inspectors of Streets be hereafter two dollars per day.

Resolved that the Inspector of Streets direct [169] the Bell Carts to be employed.

On motion of Mr Ward—Resolved that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures for opening Greenwich Street from the present pavement to Christopher Street and that he report an ordinance at the next meeting of the Board for regulating said Street

Resolved, that the following be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for celebrating the ensuing Anniversary of American Independence Alderman Mott Messs Douglass Ward Hegeman & City Inspector.

Resolved that until the further directions of this Board their meetings be held in future at the Alms House

Ordered, that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

411 Jacob P. Roome Sup: Repairs Saly to 14th inst..... 158. 0
412 Z. Lewis Commercial Advr Printing to 14 March..... 6.57

413	J. Johnson, depositg dirt at Duane Market	32.75
414	B. M. Vn Beuren overseer of Roads to 1st June	322.18
415	Saml B. Waldron do do	409. 2
416	Jas Woods Stovepipes to Bellevue	112.97
417	Gouvr Morris for Commissioners for laying out Streets	1000.
418	Roswell Graves for a/c departmt of Streets	100.
	Drs	2141.49

[170] In Common Council June 26th 1809

Present. DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor
Pierre C. Van Wyck Er Recorder
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier Samuel M. Hopkins Charles Dickinson James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish Mangle Minthorne	Aldermen
John W. Mulligan Adrian Hegeman Thomas J. Campbell Isaac S. Douglass Samuel Torbert Jasper Ward John Drake.	Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Petitions were received from Daniel Boyle Abraham Van Ranst John Petsin & Zacharias Sickles praying remission of that part of penalty for selling liquors without licence which belongs to the Public the same were read and referred to the Attorney of the Board.

Similar petitions were received from James K Delaplaine & Peter Poillon & the prayers thereof granted.

Petitions were received from Henry Remmy, John A. Haring, Daniel Pierson and Philip Arnold soliciting the office of Steward of the Alms House—The same were referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Petition was received from Jacob Halsey & others [171] praying that Walker Street might be paved from Church Street to Broadway The same was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (5th) Ward, who immediately reported thereon that the prayer of the Petition should be granted & that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance for carrying the same into effect—Which said Report was confirmed.

A Petition was received from William Ogden & John R. Murray praying for a Water Grant from the corner of Laight & Greenwich Streets extending one hundred and twenty five feet along Greenwich

Street into the Hudson River to the permanent line—The same was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition from James Irwin was received praying permission as his Lease was but for a few years to repair himself the sidewalk in front of his property in William Street. Ordered that permission be granted accordingly.

A Petition from Joshua Jones & others praying that South Street between the Coffee-House Slip and Old Slip might be regulated and paved was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the (1st) Ward and the Street Commissioner

A representation from J. De Peyster & others stating that they had formerly been at the expence of paving Front Street & therefore trusted that they would not be assessed under the late order of the Board for repaving that Street was read & referred to the persons appointed Assessors under the Ordinance for repaving said Street.

[172] A Memorial from Ebenezer Clark on the subject of the course which Leonard Street ought to run was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward and the Assistant of the 6th Ward.

A Memorial from Charles Gardner complaining that a lot adjoining his house in Fair Street owned by Mr Jno Wood had been dug out so as greatly to injure his property was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 2d Ward & the City Inspector.

A Petition was received from Philetus Havens & others praying that the Pier ordered to be run out at Beekman Slip some time since might be completed Whereupon Ordered that the prayer of said Petition be granted and that the Street Commissr be directed to prepare an Ordinance for completing the same.

A Petition from Samuel Osgood in beehalf of the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church praying that the Corporation would grant them the small lot of Ground on which stands the office of the Kine Pock Institution for the purpose of erecting thereon a Charity School House for said Congregation was read & referred to Aldermen Mott Hopkins & Mr Ward.

A Petition was received from Wm Waterbury and others praying that a Well might be sunk at the Corner of Charlotte & Bedlow Streets and was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward & Superintendant of Repairs with authority to grant it under the usual allowance.

[173] A Letter was received from Robert Bogardus Esqr inform-

ing the Board that he had been directed by the Executors of James Beekman & by Mr Jasper Ward to institute suits for the recovery of money awarded them for Ground taken by the Corporation in the opening of *Cross Street and was referred to Alderman Mott Messs Hegeman & Torbert.

A Letter was received from the Honble Wm Eustis Secretary at War on the subject of Monsr Du Buc's proposed plan of Defence for the Harbor of New York which was referred to the Committee of Defence.

A letter was received from Gouverneur Morris Esqr resigning his appointment as one of the Commissioners for laying out Canal Street the same was referred to Alderman Bingham Hopkins & Hegeman.

A letter from Daniel Phœnix Esqr City Treasurer was recd resigning his office, and enclosing the account of the Tax of 1808, the same was referred to Alderman Drake Fish & Bingham

A letter was received from Leonard Bleecker treasurer of the free School society requesting payment of 1000. Drs granted said Society by an Act of the Legislature out of the Excise Duty Ordered that a Warrant issue for payment of the same.

[174] A letter was rec'd from Thomas Pope requesting the Board to visit a Model of a Bridge which he had constructed consisting of one Arch only & which might be thrown over the widest rivers. Ordered that the same be referred to the City Inspector.

It being represented that Fire Engines No 16. 25. 29. 30. and 33. were too small for use, Ordered that the consideration whether the same had not better be disposed of & larger ones procured be referred to the Cheif Engineer with directions to report thereon.

The City Inspector presented drafts of "an Ordinance regulating Slaughter Houses," and of "an Ordinance for cleansing & ventilating Cellars &ca" which had been recommended by the Board of Health to be passed—Ordered that the same do pass and that they be published in the News Papers.

The Committee to whom had been committed the †subject Reported the draft of "an Ordinance regulating Cartmen at the Coffee House Slip—Ordered that the same do pass.

The Attorney of the Board to whom had been heretofore committed the several petitions of David J. Craig Wm Spies, James Whitson James Bryden Preserved Betts Wm Allen and John Brewster, and on the petitions of Hopkins Robertson, & John Dominick this day

* Marginal note reads *p. 141* [146].—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *153*.—Ed.

committed to him praying the remission of that part of the fine, incurred by them in selling liquor without licence, which belonged to the Public, Reported that in his opinion the prayers of the Petitions should be granted—Which report was confirmed.

[175] The Attorney of the Board on the petition of Edward West praying remission of penalty incurred by not complying with an Ordinance of the Corporation respecting filling up a Lot, reported in favor of the Petitioner, Resolved that this Board do not agree with the Attorney in the said report.

The Attorney of the Board presented a Communication informing the Board that the Suit of P. Schermerhorn against them had been tried and that a Verdict had passed in favor of Plaintiff for nine hundred dollars subject however to a Case to be submitted to the Court That Mr Emmett had been employed as additional Council in the cause. That the Attorney of the Plaintiff had offered to accept the amount of the verdict in full satisfaction of Suit, but which offer said Attorney did not think the circumstances of the case would warrant the Board in complying with Whereupon Ordered that the said Report be filed, and that a Warrant issue to Thomas A Emmett Esqr for 100 Dollars as a fee in said suit.

The Attorney also presented a letter from Willm Houston complaining of said Attorneys having commenced a suit against him, without directions of the Board, Resolved that the conduct of the Attorney has been proper & that he proceed to recover the money due by said Wm Houston.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of O. Jacques & others for opening Walker [176] Street Reported

That they have viewed the premisses and the situation of the House (petitioned to be removed) and are of opinion, that it would be a desireable addition to the intended improvement if the whole of the Intersection of Beach Walker and Chapel Streets were opened and converted to a Park, in the manner the Board have consented to do in a similar case at the intersection of George, Lombardy, & Cheapside Streets; They are further of opinion that the additional expence of removing the house mentioned would be comparatively small, as a great number of lots will be benefitted by the whole improvement, which would otherwise be exempted from the Charges of this Assessment.

June 26. 1809. Signed John Bingham
Thos J. Campbell.

Resolved that said Report be confirmed

The Committee to whom was referred the *remonstrance of Henry Titus and others against repaving Pearl Street Reported, that as a large portion of the Proprietors were opposed to having the Street taken up & repaved and as the Street was not in such a situation as to require this Board to act contrary to the wishes of the proprietors, they were of opinion that, that part of the Street should not be repaved—Which report was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the †petition of John Gardner, praying that the situation for a Ferry Stairs at Corlaers-Hook might be pointed out, Reported

[177] "That they have viewed the premisses & the Maps thereof which accompany this report, and are of opinion, that the Ferry Stairs ought to be placed in the Water adjoining the present Bulkhead opposite the twenty five feet reserved on the North side of Grand Street Slip for Street

respectfully submitted

Mangle Minthorne
John Drake
G. N. Bleecker Compr
John S. Hunn St Comssr

Signed

June 26. 1809.

Which Report was confirmed

‡The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jameson Cox & others for paving Second Street reported that the prayer of the petition should be granted and that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance for carrying the same into effect, which Report was confirmed.

||The Market Committee on the petition of Jos: Skillman to have a Butchers stall at Greenwich now reported in favour of petitioner which was confirmed.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for correction of Nuisances from No 4918 to 4929. which were ordered to pass.

The following person was appointed fireman the Chief Engineer having Certified the Vacancy

Engine Company No 30.

Nichs Romaine Junr Butcher Bowery lane 10th W. vice Jno Gilmore expd

[178] A Report was received from the Police office that Capt. Wm

* Marginal note reads *148.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *150.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *140. 158.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *142.*—Ed.

Van Wart had suspended Peter Miller for neglect of duty, and was referred to the Watch Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the award of the Arbitrators appointed to value the interest of Henry Bedlow & Robt McKie to the triangular piece of ground at the intersection of Lombard & George Street by which they allowed to

Mr Bedlow	83.33
Mr McKie for timber &ca	178.57
Total Dolls	261.90

Ordered that the same be accepted & confirmed

The Street Commissioner on the subject of opening Bridge Street and Bancker Street presented the following Report

That the Jury in the case of opening Bridge Street from Whitehall to State Street have delivered a verdict to the Court in favor of Egbert Someryndyck and Walter Colton of two hundred dollars for their interest in the Buildings, with liberty and directions to remove them at their expence and to be converted to their use

The Street Commissioner further reports that the Jury in the case of opening Bancker Street from Pearl to Roosevelt have delivered to the Court the following Verdicts.

To Charles La Rue for Ground		3000.
do for buildings nothing		
To James McMullun for Ground	100	
for Buildings	375	
		475
Making a total Sum of		$3475

with directions that the Buildings be removed [179] at the expence of the Corporation.

The Street Commissioner is of opinion that the above are such verdicts as the Corporation ought to comply with; and as the business will not admit of much delay (particularly the case of Bridge Street) he recommends that the enclosed drafts of Ordinances be passed and that the Board direct a Warrant to be issued in favor of Messs Somerendyck & Co for 200 Dollars to be tendered to them for the amount of the Verdict in their favor agreably to Law. All which is submitted

June 26th 1809. (Sd) John S. Hunn

Whereupon an Ordinance was passed for assessing the said sum of Dol^{s} 3475. upon the owners & occupants intended to be benefitted by said regulation in Bancker Street and that Eldad Holmes, John P. Anthony Philip J Arcularius Abraham Bogert & Peter Bonnett were appointed Assessors.

And an Ordinance also passed for assessing the *damages in opening Bridge Street & Freder^{k} DePeyster Isaac Heyer Gilbert Aspinwall Peter Dustan & James Stewart were appointed the Assessors; and a Warrant was ordered to issue in favor of Somerendyke & C^{o} for $200 in payment of the award aforesaid in their favor

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner presented a Report on the †petition of Tho^{s} Duggan which was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner to [180] whom was referred the petition of Samuel M. Thompson & others for Water Grants on Hudson River reported

That the petitioners having purchased part of the Block of ground bounded by West, Washington, LeRoy & Morton Streets without previous application to the Board (as far as they know & believe) entered into Contract & built a bulk head during the last summer on or nearly on the West line of West Street commonly called the permanent line, and have been at considerable expence in filling in the vacant space upon the presumption, as they state of receiving forever, the Wharfage in front of said Bulkhead.

That some time previous to their commencement of these operations, the Corporation caused a Map of that shore to be made, and suitable places for reservations for public purposes to be marked thereon which Map being completed was presented to them, and the same confirmed as by references to the Minutes of the Board and the Map aforesaid filed in the office of the Street Commissioner will fully appear.

The subscribers further report that the Bulkhead erected by the Petitioners is in part one of the reservations so agreed upon by the Board and in the expence of which they ought to be consulted, as they will have to bear a suitable portion of it, but as the petitioners assert that they did not know that there was any intended reservation in front of their premises when they commenced their work, the subscribers conceive that the Board will take no advantage of this circumstance particularly as they have built it for a fair and reasonable sum.

* Marginal note reads *115.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *161.*—ED.

[181] The Subscribers further report that the Board having adopted a Scale of rates to be paid for Water Grants along Hudson River upon a plan which in their opinion is just and equitable—they know of no reason for rejecting the prayer of the petitioners upon the adopted scale, nor on the Contrary any inducements the Board may have for altering the quit rents in their favor.

It will hardly be necessary for the Subscribers to remark that the holders of ground along the river, who have at their own expence sunk Bulk heads in front of Streets & reservations have been permitted to enjoy the wharfage until the Corporation directed piers to be extended from Slips; the cases of M^{r} Clason, Col^{l} Rutgers & others may be cited at present. If the Common Council place the petitioners in the same situation they will, in the opinion of the undersigned, have no reason to complain especially as the improvements they have made can be of no possible use to the Corporation at this time, and which probably would not have been consented to by them if application had been made.

The Subscribers are therefore of opinion that the Corporation ought to direct grants to issue to the petitioners for the ground covered with water to the East line of West Street, & that they consent to pay the Petitioners whenever they carry out piers or at any specific time to be agreed on, half the expence they have now been put to for making the Bulkhead & filling West Street in front of the aforesaid reservation. All which &^{c}

June 26th (S^{d})

G. N. Bleecker Compt^{r}
John S Hunn S^{t} Comss^{r}

[182] Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee formerly appointed on the petition of W^{m} Hunter Viz. Alderman Drake Slidell & Torbert

The Comptroller presented a Report stating that he had examined the *accounts of the Commissioners of Streets & Roads, that the sum of D^{s} 6191 $^{27}/_{100}$ had been advanced to them & that the same had been expended for which regular receipts were produced to him Ordered that said Report be filed.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the †petition of Henry Parmele presented a Report which was directed to be referred to the Board of Health.

The Superintendant of Streets presented a Report complaining of

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the Contractor for Street Manure in not removing the rubbish &c from the Streets, which report & also the propriety of changing the situation now allowed to the manure boats, was referred to Aldⁿ Drake Wood Messˢ Mulligan Hegeman & Slidell

Mʳ Mulligan then presented an Ordinance for repealing the Law entitled "a Law to provide for the sweeping & cleaning the Streets."* It was then moved as an amendment that the same be referred to a Committee, upon the question being taken and a Division being called thereon it was carried in the Affirmative in the manner following,

[183] Negative		Affirmative			
Aldermen	Hopkins	The	Recorder	Messˢ	Hegeman
	Mesier	Aldⁿ	Mott		Torbert
Messʳˢ	Mulligan &		Bingham		Ward
	Douglass		Wood		Campbell
	4.		Fish		Jnº Drake
			Minthorne		13.
			Dickinson		
			Drake		

Whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee last appointed on the Report of the Superintendant of Streets, with directions to report on the subject of the Contract with Mʳ Hitchcock at the next meeting of the Board.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to Resolved, that in future no permission be granted to build any vault for interment of the Dead under any of the Streets of this City

The following Resolution was presented by Mʳ Mulligan—Resolved, that the sum of Dʳˢ 300 be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expences of the dinner to be provided for the Corporation on the 4th of July next—on the question whether the Board will agree to the same a division having been called it passed in the Negative as follows.

Affirmative. Aldermen Fish, Dickinson, Hopkins, Mesier, Messieurs, Mulligan & Douglass—6.

Negative. The Recorder, Aldermen Mott, Bingham, Wood, Minthorne & Drake—Messʳˢ Hegeman, Torbert, Ward, Campbell & John Drake—11.

[184] Alderman Drake then presented the following Resolved that this Board will dine together on the 4th July next at their own individual expence, On the question whether the Board will agree to the same,

* Marginal note reads *98*.—ED.

a Division having been called it passed in the Negative in manner following

Affirmative. Aldermen, Fish, Minthorne, Dickinson, Drake, Hopkins, Mesier. Assistants Mulligan & Douglass. 8

Negative. The Recorder, Aldermen Mott, Bingham, Wood—Assistants Hegeman. Torbert, Ward, Campbell & John Drake. 9.

On motion Resolved, that the attorney of the Board Report at the next meeting of the Common Council the title of all suits at law, now depending in which this Corporation is interested

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner present at the next meeting an Ordinance for correcting a Nuisance at the Corner of Grand Street & Elizth Street.

The Comptroller presented a Grant of a Water Lot to *William Hunter at Corlaers Hook, which having been examined by the Council of the Board was ordered to pass.

The Mayor was ordered to issue his Warrants to pay the following persons—Viz.

419	Cap: N. Lawrence—City Watch		276.36
420	" Wm Van Wart do		276.36
421	" Wm Peterson do		266.56
422	" James Snow do		266.56
423	" Thomas Darling do		276.36
424	" Isaac Anderson do		276.36
425	B. Hart, powder for Military		238.26
426	Jnn Brook for himself & Mr Stagg Marshals executing Sunday laws		16.
†427	Charles Warner foreman of Jury valuing ground for opening Bridge & Bancker Strts		36.
428	B. Hoghland Work for Engine House No 4		59.88
429	Edward Meeks, Blacksmith Work for Lamps	75.75	
430	" Co Contingency	52. 2	
431	" City Do	3.50	
			131.27
	Watson & Campbell for Timber		
432	City Contingency	100.48	
433	Co Ditto	52.58	
434	Wells & Pumps	26.95	280. 1
435	Jas Drake Esr Chairman for Mud machines		300.
436	Thos A Emmett Esqr Council fee		100.
437	L. Bleecker treasurer of Free School Society		1000.
438	Somerendyck & Co for amt of award for Buildings removed in opening Bridge St		200.
	Total Drs		3899.98

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† New page, not numbered.—ED.

[185] In Common Council July 3d 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Benjamin Haight	Assistants
Saml M. Hopkins		Adrian Hegeman	
Charles Dickinson		Thomas J. Campbell	
John Bingham		Isaac S. Douglass	
John D. Miller		Samuel Torbert	
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward	
Mangle Minthorne			

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Petitions were received from Seaman & Conklin David Reynolds Matthias Wall and John Dominick praying remission of fine incurred by them by selling liquors without license & were referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A communication was received from Chas Smith Lessee of the Slips requesting to be informed what measures were to be taken to remove vessels which had sunk in a Slip and the owners of which could not be found, and stating that a case of that kind had now occurred at James' Slip—Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition was also received from William Johnson the late lessee of the Slips stating that he was informed by the Attorney of the Board that directions had been given to prosecute him for the Balance due upon the Contracts & praying a [186] remission of the same, was on motion referred to the said Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Broome Street praying that the same may be repaved from the Bowery to Broadway was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward & St Commissioner.

A remonstrance from F. Childs & others against opening *Chamber Street was read and referred to Aldmn Drake Bingham & Mr Douglass.

A Petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity of Fitz Roy road praying for a Well near to said place was read and referred to the Aldn & Assistant of the 8th Ward & Superintendant of Repairs with authority to grant it with the usual allowance

A Representation was received from the inhabitants of Little Water Street & Collect Street complaining of the situation of those Streets, and a similar representation from William Bryden with a re-

* Marginal note reads *107. 119. 165.*—Ed.

port on the subject from James Hardy were severally read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward, the Assistant of the 6th Ward and the Street Commissioner

A Petition from the inhabitants in the vicinity of Varrick Street praying that the same may be regulated was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward & St Commissr

[187] A Petition was read from Gilbert Jackson praying to be permitted to discharge the Waters from his lot into the common sewer in Roosevelt Street, & was referd to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition from Skivers Parker stating his desire to lease a part of the Corporation Ground in Magazine Street was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Remonstrance was rec'd from the inhabitants of Pearl Street against filling up the Well in said Street as had been contemplated by the Board;* and was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 4th Ward & Superintendant of Repairs.

A Petition from Allen Taylor to be appointed a Measurer was read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition from Benjamin Benson to receive a Butchers license and to be appointed to the Stall N° 4 Oswego Market now held by Jacob Appley who was willing to relinquish the same to him, was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Letter from John Pintard stating that a large Ships Ensign the property of Lewis Pintard had been heretofore borrowed to be used at the Corporation entertainment, that the same had been considerably injured by the use & suggesting the propriety of the Board paying for the same was read & referred to the Committee of Arrangements appointed at the last meeting for the 4th inst.

A Petition from Burdet Striker Lessee of the Ferry at Brooklyn praying that the Piers and the Slips at Brooklyn might be repaired, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition from Stephen Hilliker & Wm Post [188] praying permission to Exchange Stalls N° 39 & 29 Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee, who immediately reported thereon that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, which report was agreed to.

A Petition from John W. Kearny was rec'd praying that Marketfield Street may be paved from the line of Greenwich Street to the

* Marginal note reads *157*.—ED.

head of the Slip, which on motion was referred to the Alderman & Assist^{s} of the 1st Ward & S^{t} Commiss^{r}

An application was received from Marinus Willett Esq^{r} for the establishment of a Lamp at the lower end of Delancey Street, which was referred to the Lamp Committee.

On the 5th June last the S^{t} Commissioner agreably to the directions of the Board presented the following statement of money due to the several persons named in the award for opening Cross Street and that Warrants should issue for the balances after deducting the sums assessed upon them respectively Viz

1.	Agreement for land in favor of G. Janeway	2700.
	Assessed upon sundry lots of his, either vacant or untenanted	1088.25
		1614.75
	Assessed upon ground tenanted	834.84
		779.91
2^{d}	Award to Jasper Ward	1500.
	Assessed to him	372.21
		1127.79
3^{d}	Award to Heirs of Ja^{s} Beekman	1750.
	Assessed upon Vacant Ground	506.
		1244.
	Assessed upon Ground tenanted	25.50
	Balance due	1218.50

[189] The Street Commissioner further states that the award due M^{r} Lorillard & Mr Stockholm have been settled by the Collector

All which is submitted

June 5th 1809. John S. Hunn.

And now the Committee to whom the same had been referred, reported That as the Board had heretofore directed payment to be made to the proprietors of ground taken for the opening of Cross Street they recommend that Warrants be issued accordingly for the balances stated within by the Street Commissioner to be due to them respectively

July Jacob Mott
Adrian Hegeman

On motion Resolved that said Report be confirmed and that Warrants issue for payment of said balances

The Comptroller presented a communication intimating a necessity that the Lamp Committee should be requested as speedily as possible to adjust the accounts of the late Contractor for lighting the Public Lamps Resolved that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Report of the Comptroller & Street Commissioner upon the Petition of Samuel M. Thompson & others praying for a Water Grant in Hudson River reported

That taking into consideration the peculiar circumstances of this case Viz. that the Memorialists were ignorant at the time they purchased the lots of the Corporation of Trinity Church and also when they made the Bulk Head at West Street of the intended reservation by the Corporation of the City [190] of a Basin at the abovementioned place. they recommend that the Memorialists take out their Grants immediately at the rate agreed upon by the Finance Committee, and approved of by the Board last year, provided that the Quit rents commence from the first day of May 1814 and that the Corporation agree to pay the memorialists at the above date such sum as may be now settled with them without interest for the half of the expences of the Building the Bulkhead and making West Street as they would have been paid had they joined with the Corporation agreably to Law. And that such valuation shall be approved of by a Committee of the Board specially to be appointed with authority to enter into agreements for that purpose

June 28. 1809.

James Drake
Samuel Torbert.

The Attorney of the Board on the †Petition of W^m Thorn & C^o praying remission of a fine incurred by selling flour short of legal weight, reported that it would be proper to remit such part of the fine as belonged to the Corporation, which Report was confirmed.

A Communication from the St^t Commissioner to the Comptroller on the subject of the ‡Releases which were to pass between M^r Goelet & the Corporation agreably to the Resolve of the Board on the 19^th ult^o was read and the Street Commissioner therein recommending that the business be referred to the Council and Attorney of the Board to draw the Papers proper to be executed between the parties—On motion it [191] was resolved that they be accordingly referred to the Council and Attorney of the Board for the purpose aforesaid.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Margaret

* Marginal note reads *180.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *p. 116.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *p. 115. 164.*—ED. ‖ Marginal note reads *116. 136. 162.*—ED.

Ogden reported that in their opinion the prayer of the Petition ought not to be granted, but that she should forthwith comply with the Ordinance passed on the subject in her petition mentioned.

A Report was read from the City Treasurer exhibiting an account of the monies paid by Warrants from the Tax of 1808 which was referred to the Comptroller.

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of certain Nuisances from N° 4930. to 4944 which were ordered to pass

A letter from Simeon DeWitt Esquire resigning his appointment as a Commissioner under the Law for opening Canal Street Resolved that the same be referred to Ald^{n} Bingham Hopkins M^{r} Hegeman

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Company N° 6.

David Fowler Grocer Corner of Hudson & Beach Streets 5th Ward v^{c} John Russell resig^{d}

James Dunlap Morocco finisher 10 ferry St. 2^{d} W. Geo: Powers d°

On motion Resolved that the overseers of Roads take measures to remove all encroachments that may be made on the Public Highways.

Ordered that Warrants issue in favor of the Building Committee for D^{s} 3000.

[192] Ordered that Warrants issue in favor of the following persons

N° 439	Roswell Graves Sup. Streets. 3 Bell Carts		52.50
440	Jos: Burjeau for Peace officers at Alms House		45.
441	James Hardie Salary & exp^{s} for June		64.50
442	Mott Hicks ass^{t} St. Comss^{r}	do	52.
443	And^{w} Otterson do	do	52.
444	Edw^{d} Moran do	do	52.
445	W^{m} P. Roome Keeper of Potters field	do	30.
446	Trustees S^{t} Peters Church a Well corner of Prince & Mott Streets		42.
447	M. Dykeman a Well in Thompson St^{t}		8.50
448	Thos Freeborn & P. Paulding. Sunday Law		6.
	Luke Torboss for Painting & Glazing Viz.		
449	C° Contingency	46.85	
450	City Do	69.92	
451	Pumps	42.53	
452	Lamps	157.42	
			316.72

Nº 453	Jnº H Sickles Buildg Commᵉ		1000.	
454	Do	do	1000.	
455	do	do	1000.	
				3000.
456	Jasper Ward for opening Cross St			1127.79
			Total....Drs	4849. 1

[193] In Common Council July 10th 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Depy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen.	John W. Mulligan	Assistants
Saml M. Hopkins		Benjamin Haight	
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell	
John D. Miller		Isaac S. Douglass	
Thurston Wood		Jasper Ward	
Nicholas Fish		John Drake	
Mangle Minthorne			

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from Margaret Crawbuck widow of Godfrey Crawbuck Butcher stating that she was obliged to remove from the place where she had been permitted to have a Stall for the Sale of Meat & praying permission to erect a Stall on a lot in Broadway above the Arch Bridge, which was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was received from J. R. Wheaton stating that he had received a quantity of Virginia Flour, which had been inspected in that state and not imagining that our Laws required a re-inspection had laden it on board a Vessel for exportation where it had been seized by the Inspector of Flour The Petitioner further stated that Mr Jones the [194] Inspector of Flour was willing to relinquish his proportion of the flour forfeited by this unintentional breach of the Inspection Laws, and he therefore prayed the Board to relinquish the part forfeited to the Public—Whereupon it was Resolved to refer the same to a Committee consisting of the following persons with authority to remit the forfeiture if in their opinion proper The Committee were Alderman Mesier Mr Mulligan & Campbell.

A Petition was received from Thos Phillips praying to be appointed a Measurer which was referred to the Committee on applications

Petitions were received from Robert Sickles and Jacob Altemus praying severally to be appointed Steward to the Alms House, which were directed to be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

Petitions were received from John M. Baker Wm McFall, Oliver Land & Wm Gee stating that they had been prosecuted for selling liquor without licence and praying to be released from the Judgements obtained severally against them Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of the former be granted and that the latter be also discharged upon the payment of the Costs which have accrued in their several suits.

Petitions were also received from Frederick Myers, John Hutchings, John S. Taylor, Thomas Williams, Catharine Mills, John Twiney Ann Regan Moses Hill & Joshua Doan praying [195] remission of fines for selling liquors without license, which were severally referred to the attorney of the Board.

A Petition was received from Thomas Darling Captain of the 3d Watch District stating that in July or August last he had been informed that the Magistrates had passed an order for taking up on a certain night and conveying to the Alms House all loose and disorderly women and that the Watchmen were to be aiding the Peace officers in that duty; that he had accordingly gone out with his men on that service; that he was afterwards Indicted for an Assault in entering on that evening the house of a Woman of ill fame in Church Street, altho' he had not entered the House, that having been advised to submit to the Court, he, relying upon the well known infamous character of the prosecutrix accordingly submitted [&] from some misapprehension in a conversation between him and the Attorney General he produced no testimony in mitigation and he was fined by the Court ten Dolls

That a prosecution has been commenced against him for the same and costs amounting to Ds 12.50—and he prayed indemnification therefor. Whereupon the same was referred to Aldermen Bingham, Minthorne & Mr Douglass who immediately reported in favor of the Petitioner. It was moved that the Report of said Committee be referred back to them for further examination and for a statement of facts—On the question to agree to the same it was carried in the affirmative

A Petition was received from the owners & occupants of Lots in Duane Street praying that said Street might be paved from Washington Street to the Hudson River

[196] Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward

A representation from Gurdon S. Mumford was received stating that he had at the Sales of the Inclenbergh Lots purchased several lots for which he had made payment but that the Corporation had not performed their Contract on that occasion, and praying that the monies

which he had paid might be returned to him—Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Hopkins Mott Mesier & The Comptroller.

A Letter was received from John Kortright stating that upon a proposition for running a road from the North River to Kingsbridge road, he had deposited with the Clerk of the Board a Deed from John P. Waldron to him the said Kortright & requesting the return of said Deed—Ordered that the same be referred to the Clerk of the Common Council

A Petition was received from Nicholas W. Stuyvesant praying for a Water Grant opposite his property in the 10th Ward on the East River—which was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N° 7 stating that the Engine was no longer serviceable and praying that a new one might be given them was read and referred to the Fire Department.

A Communication from the Superintendant of Repairs was received stating that a Boat for the repairing of the Docks was necessary, and that the one formerly belonging [197] to the Board was destroyed by the Ice last winter, was read and referred to the Committee of Repairs.

A Petition was received from Jacob Schieffelin and others stating that a Lamp had been removed from N° 189 Street & praying that it might be replaced which was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition was received from John P. Ritter and others praying that Greenwich Street might be regulated from the present pavement to Hammersley Street, which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward

A Petition was received from John Jackson and Wm Vallon praying that a Ferry might be established from the foot of Walnut Street to Jackson Street at Brooklyn—which was referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition from Thomas S. Townsend & others praying that James' Slip might be enlarged was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

Reports were received from the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and from the German Reformed Church, of the appropriations by them of the monies received under the Act entitled an Act directing certain monies to be applied to the use of Free Schools in the City of New York passed 8th April 1801. which said Reports were ordered to be filed.

The Attorney of the Board to whom had been committed the several *Petitions of Seaman and Concklin, Matthias Wall, David Reynolds John Petrin Abraham Van Ranst Zach. Sickles and [198] Daniel Boyle praying remission of the several fines incurred by them, Reported that in his opinion the said several fines should be remitted,

Which Report was confirmed.

The Market Committee to whom was committed the †prayer of Benjamin Benson praying to be assigned to Stall N° 4 Oswego Market Reported that in their opinion the prayer of the Petitioner should be granted—which was confirmed.

Alderman Mesier upon the ‡Petition of J. W. Kearney for the paving of Marketfield Street made the following report—The Undersigned in the absence of the Assistant Alderman & the Street Commissioner after having viewed the situation of the withinmentioned premises is of opinion that the application ought to be granted and the District forthwith paved as it is in its present state a great nuisance Which report was confirmed and the St[t] Commissioner directed to prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

||The Committee to whom had been referred the remonstrance of the Inhabitants of Pearl Street against filling up a Well in said Street Reported that in their opinion the filling up of the same should be suspended, as it appeared to be the wish of the inhabitants that the present Well should remain. Which Report was confirmed.

Alderman Mesier in the absence of the Assistant of the 1[st] Ward & the Street Commissioner to whom with him the §Petition of Joshua Jones and others for paving South Street had been referred Reported that in his opinion the [199] District should be regulated and paved and that the Street Commissioner should prepare an Ordinance for carrying the same into effect—Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee to whom had been referred the ¶Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Varick Street praying that the same might be regulated, Reported that in their opinion the Street ought to be so regulated as to be passable for Horses and Carts which report was confirmed and the Street Commissioner directed to prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the ¶Petition of the Inhabitants of Broome Street Reported that in their opinion the Street

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Commissioner should take immediate measures for having the said Street paved which Report was agreed to and the St[t] Commissioner directed to prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 2[d] Ward & Street Commissioner to whom was referred the communication of Peter Schermerhorn respecting the sale of a lot to him adjoining his store at the Corner of Front Street & Beekman Slip, and which lies to the South of Front Street being a Gore of twenty four feet upon Front Street and running to a point along Beekman Slip to South Street—Reported

That in the year 1803 or 1804 while M[r] Strong was Comptroller the Corporation desirous of opening Beekman Slip opposite the property of M[rs] Lawrence and including the above described premises agreed with M[rs] Lawrence to pay her 1000 Dollars for her right in the premises—And as it was a considerable advantage to M[r] Schermerhorn to keep the Slip open and establish his lot a Corner (which would not have been so if M[rs] Lawrence had had a Grant) he consented and actually paid M[rs] Lawrence the said 1000 Dollars for [200] said benefit. A few years ago to wit in 1807 the Common Council passed an order for having the whole of Beekman Slip to the South line of South Street filled in; which has been done & M[r] Schermerhorn charged a large proportion of the expense of that work which he has paid to the person employed to collect that assessment

The Undersigned have endeavored to obtain the real value of property in the vicinity, in order to determine upon such fair sum as M[r] Schermerhorn ought to pay for the premises having in view whatever advances he may have made, but they have failed in agreeing with him upon the sum he ought, under such circumstances to pay to the Corporation. The Committee have therefore agreed with M[r] Schermerhorn to recommend to the Board to leave the subject to the determination of Isaac Burr and Joshua Jones two respectable citizens and from whose collective judgments Justice may be expected and in case they disagree to call in a third appraiser.

The Committee are fully persuaded that the Street will be improved by the Sale of this gore to M[r] Schermerhorn and of sufficient width, being left 84 feet. and they therefore recommend that the subject be referred the abovenamed persons Respectfully submitted

Sam[l] M Hopkins
July 10[th] 1809. Signed John W. Mulligan
John S Hunn

Which said Report was confirmed.

[201] The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents upon the assessment for paving Jay Street from Greenwich to Washington Street on which the Corporation were charged D^{s} 71.$^{75}/_{100}$ for their portion of the intersection and recommended that a Warrant issue in favor of Samuel Montgomery the Collector upon the Treasurer for that sum and that a Warrant also issue to him to enforce the payment of the residue—Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner also presented a return of Delinquents upon an assessment for repaving and erecting a Bulkhead on Rynder Street and recommended that a Warrant issue to Samuel Montgomery to enforce payment of the same, which was ordered accordingly.

The Street Commissioner in conformity with the Report of a Committee upon the Petition for paving Walker Street presented an Ordinance for paving the same which was passed and Lewis Ford, Benj^{n} Romaine, Sam^{l} Hutchings, Thomas Stagg jun^{r} and Ludovick Hackstaff were appointed Assessors

*The Street Commissioner also agreably to the Report on the petition of Jameson Cox and others presented an Ordinance for paving Second Street which was passed and Samuel Delaplaine, Abraham Van Gelder Napthali Philips & Richard Berrian were appointed Assessors.

An Ordinance was also presented on behalf of the Street Commissioner agreably to the †order of the Board for paving Marketfield Street from Greenwich Street to the Slip which was passed and Garrit Storm, David Cargil, James Bailey, John S. Schermerhorn and Isaac Heyer were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner agreably to the order [202] of the Board on the subject of opening ‡Walker Street reported

That the lot designated on the Map by the letter A belongs to Miller Son & Miller one corner of which containing 250 square feet will be required and that they ask £400 for the said piece of ground subject to the future assessment

That lot B. belongs to Peter Bogert of Princeton New Jersey; about 520 feet of which is required and that he asks £200 for the same, or £600 in Cash for the whole lot

That lot C. belongs to George Wragg of which 800 square feet is required, and that he asks £800 for the lot together and £400 for the piece required

That lot D belongs to James Barkley of which 1000 square feet

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† Marginal note reads *198.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *175.*—ED.

will be required for which he asks £1000, stating at the same time that he will take £1000 for the whole lot, being of opinion that the half that will be left subject to the Assessment will not be worth possessing.

That lot E belongs to Abraham Child about one half of which will be required for the Street, for which piece of ground he refuses to treat; declaring that he has no wish to dispose of it, but that if the Corporation are determined to deprive him of his property, he must submit to the decision of a Jury but that he is willing to take £1000 for the whole lot and nothing less

The lots F & G belong to William J Waldron which together contain about 3500 square feet of ground; upon lot F there is a two story frame house, for which house and lot he asks £800 and the same price for the vacant lot G making £1600.

[203] That lot H belongs to Peter Hoffmire and contains 1200 square feet of ground upon which is a small two story frame house with a brick front; for the whole of which premises he asks £1200.

Considering the situation of this property, the great expence which will ultimately be assessed upon it, for paving and regulating the Streets, and the probable heavy assessment for Canal Street & Chapel Street, the Street Commissioner is persuaded that the sums demanded are too high, and that all of them are unreasonable except the sum asked by Mr Bogert, which is perhaps under all circumstances also beyond the value, and he therefore recommends that precepts be directed to the sheriff to value the ground agreably to law.

All which is respectfully submitted

July 3d 1809 Signed John S Hunn

Whereupon Resolved that, the said Report be confirmed, & the Attorney of the Board cause Precepts to be issued to the Sheriff agreably to Law.

The Street Commissioner on the subject of opening *Chamber Street Reported

That the lot in Augustus Street designated by the No 27 belongs to Peter Lorillard: the lot No 26 in same Street to John Nicholas Weathershine, and the lot No 25 in Augustus Street and the lots number 6. 7. 8. in Chatham Street to Peter Bonnett; that all these lots are vacant except the lot belonging to Mr Weathershine upon which is the remains of a wooden Building much damaged by the late fire and almost untenantable. The Street [204] Commissioner further reports that Mr Lorillard refuses to fix a price upon his lot, stating that it is

* Marginal note reads *186. 165. 119. 107.*—ED.

not for sale; and that it is of greater value to him than to any other person, being connected with a lot belonging to his Brother, with whom he is concerned in trade & upon the rear of which they contemplate rebuilding their Tobacco manufactory: He however proposes if the Corporation insist upon taking his lot, to exchange it equally with them for a lot adjoining his Brothers on the other side to be taken from the rear of the lots belonging to the Corporation fronting upon Tryon Row —or that he will give them £2000 for said Lot if they allow him that price for his.

Mr Weathershine also refuses to treat or to fix a price upon his lot also stating that it is not for sale—but has no objection to exchange it for a lot in the same street, if the Corporation will in addition build him a good house thereon

Mr Bonnett demands 3000 dollars for his lot in Augustus Street, and 4000 dollars for each of his lots in Chatham Street, and that he would rather risk their value to the decision of a Jury than to take less, for that being together they are more valuable as he can erect upon the three lots four tenements of nineteen feet in front.

The Street Commissioner further reports that in his opinion it would be inexpedient to make the exchanges suggested by Mr Lorillard & Weathershine and that the demands of Mr Bonnett are unreasonable and beyond the real value of the lots & he recommends that the Sheriff be directed to impannel a Jury to fix their value agreably to Law.

July 3d 1809 Signed John S Hunn

[205] Which Report was confirmed and the attorney of the Board directed to cause precepts to the Sheriff to be issued.

The Street Commissioner agreably to the directions of the Board presented the following report on the subject of reducing the Lots fronting on Grand Street between Elizabeth & Rynder Streets

" Considering the great heighth of the Hills to be reduced, the time necessary to perform the work and the difficulty of obtaining the names of all the owners promptly the undersigned believes the period for the completion of the work ought to be extended to the first day of January next, as stated in the enclosed draft of an Ordinance. But in order to correct a *nuisance which at present exists at the intersection of Elizabeth & Grand Streets, it is adviseable to direct a part of the work to be done sooner if provision is made in the draft accordingly

All which is submitted

July 3d 1809. (Sd) John S Hunn

* Marginal note reads *184*.—Ed.

Whereupon the said report was confirmed and the Ordinance he presented passed.

The Street Commissioner made the following Communication

The S[t] Commissioner represents to the Board that the Jury having directed that the old house standing upon Bancker Street, and lately belonging to Charles LaRue should be removed at the expence of the Corporation, it becomes necessary previous to making up the assessment, to ascertain its value, or the expense it will cost to remove it, in case no person will do it without compensation

[206] The Street Commissioner therefore suggests the propriety of passing the following order in the premises

Ordered that the St, Commissioner cause the House lately belonging to M[r] LaRue situate at the Corner of Pearl and Bancker Streets & which has been valued and taken to widen Bancker Street to be sold at auction, or otherwise disposed of, in such manner as may in his opinion be most conducive to the public benefit

The Street Commissioner further reports that the same Jury directed that the building upon a small strip of ground in the same Street taken from M[r] Mullen should be also removed at the expense of the Board—and suggests the propriety of the following order as the removing of this portion of M[r] M[c]Mullens building will not be done without compensation.

Ordered also that the Street Commiss[r] cause the portion of the House of James M[c]Mullen which stands on the ground taken from him to widen Bancker Street to be removed for the lowest sum for which the same will be done at Public Auction or in any other way most conducive to the public interest

All which is respectfully submitted

July 10[th] 1809. John S Hunn

Whereupon Resolved that the recommendation of the Street Commissioner be by him carried into effect.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

[207] N° 26

W[m] Waterbury Grocer Corner of Bedlow [&] Charlotte S[ts] 7[th]
v Gilbert Dean resigned

N° 22

David Lyon Cordwainer N° 64 E. Geo: Str[t] 7[th]
v Andrew Godfrey do

N° 3

Benj[n] M[c]Cready Taylor N° 4 Courtlandt S[t] 3[d]
v. Rob[t] Fairchild } Joined the
Joseph Moore Merch[t] 155 Washgton St[t] 3[d] } Artillery
Christ[n] Brown }

A Report was rec'd from the Police Office that Capt. Nich[s] Lawrence had suspended Andrew Timmons one of his Watchmen for sleeping on his Post—referred to the Watch Committee

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for correction of Nuisances from N° 4927 to 4941 which were ordered to pass.

A Communication from Doctor Rodgers Health Officer, recommending the enforcing of the Law respecting Boarding Houses was read and referred to the City Inspector with directions to take measures for carrying said law into effect.

A Communication from the Treasurer of the Corporation was received stating that his Account with the Manhattan Bank was credited with the Dividend in the said Bank amounting to 8.500 D[s] and was debited with Interest on Corporation Bonds to the amount of D[rs] 4076.68—Ordered that a Warrant issue for payment of said Interest.

An Application was received from W[m] Mooney Superintendant of the Alms House for $6'000 to defray the necessary expences of the establishment

Ordered that a Warrant issue.

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of Alderman Drake for D[s] 200 for use of Mud Machine.

[208] Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of Jacob Cholwell for D[s] 600 on account for lighting Public Lamps.

Resolved that so much of the *Ordinance passed the 29[th] day of May directing that the foot walk in Broadway between Wall and Fair Streets be repaired as provides for the appointment of Assessors and directs the Alderman & Assistants to point out such parts as are to be repaved be repealed and that the Street Commissioner be directed to require the Occupants and Owners of lots to repair such parts of said foot walk in the manner directed by the Ordinance as he shall judge necessary.

†Resolved that all Licenses granted for building Vaults under the Street adjoining any Church, be rescinded, except so far as to com-

* Marginal note reads *p. 133.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *88. 105. 183.*—ED.

pleting the same where Contracts have been made, or the ground opened in consequence of such license heretofore granted.

*Resolved that that part of the Report of the Committee on the petition of Saml M Thompson & others made on the 3d inst which directs a valuation to be made of the wharf be referred to the said Committee for the purpose in said Report mentioned—Come Aldn Drake Chn

†The Report on the petition of John La Forgue Jr respecting the maintenance of a Bastard child which was ordered to lie on the table for farther consideration was now called up and it was moved that said La Forgue be released from the sentence of the Court of Sessions pronounced in this case upon payment of the Costs of suit which have accrued in the prosecution against [209] him When upon the question being thereon taken it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts.

457	Capt. N. Lawrence City Watch	276.36
458	" Wm Van Wart do	276.36
459	" Wm Peterson do	266.56
460	" James Snow do	266.56
461	" Thos Darling do	276.36
462	" Isaac Anderson do	276.36
463	Roswell Graves Salary to 1st July	51.
464	Beekman & Bogert Cargo hire 4th July	60.
465	Henry D. Tripp Attdg Park to 1 July	53.75
466	R. Graves to pay 4 Assists to do	130.
467	Public Advertiser ½ Year	37.50
468	B. M. Van Beuren overseer of Roads	288.95
469	J. Richardson Well corner of Water & Walnut Sts	14.50
470	ONeil & Lee Cleaning Wells 1. 2. 3. 6. 8 & 10 Wards	76.37
	By Order	
471	Saml Montgomery for pavg Intersections Jay Street	71.75
472	Jas Drake Esqr Chairman for Mud Machine	200.
473	Jacob Cholwell a/c Lamps	600.
474	Manhattan Co Interest on Bonds	4076.68
475	Wm Mooney Supr Alms House	6000.
476	Geo: Janeway {Audited last meeting} for Ground taken to {open Cross Street}	779.91
477	Heirs Jas Beekman {audited last meeting} for Ground taken to {open Cross Street}	1218.50
478	J. Morton 1 Qrs Salary to 10th July	312.50
	Drs	15.609.97

* Marginal note reads *180 189.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *114. 126. 167.*—Ed.

[210] In Common Council July 17th 1809.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esquire Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John W. Mulligan	Assistants.
Saml M. Hopkins		Adrian Hegeman	
James Drake		Thomas J. Campbell	
John Bingham		Samuel Torbert	
Thurston Wood		Jasper Ward	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was rec'd from Elisha Boudinot and others, stating that they have agreed to form themselves into a Company for the purpose of establishing Steam-boats as ferry boats across the Hudson river, between the City of New York and the City of Jersey formerly called Paules Hook and for that purpose that it is necessary for them to procure a lease for the right of ferriage and praying a Lease from the Corporation for their right for the term of twenty one years on such conditions as they shall judge just, reasonable and promotive of the Public good.

Whereupon it was resolved that the same be referred to Aldermen Drake, Mesier & Mr Torbert

A Petition from John Laurence & Richard Riker stating that they are the owners of land on the East River bounded on the South by the Estate of John Jones decd and on the West [211] by land of the Corporation known by the name of Lots No 204. 205. that the Corporation land lies between their land and the main road, that a Street sixty feet wide has been reserved between the said lots from the main road to the land of the Petitioners that the Commissioners appointed for laying out Streets & Roads have assured the Petitioner that the said Street so reserved will not interfere with their regulations & therefore praying that said Street may be laid out. Whereupon ordered that the same be referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition was received from John Jacob Astor and others praying that the owners of Water Grants on the East River between Grand & North Streets be directed to complete Goerck Street between said Streets Whereupon Ordered that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for carrying into effect the Prayer of said petition.

A Petition from Henry Titus was received stating that he is Lessee of lots No 120. 121 & 122 under this Board, that the Lessee of No 123 has encroached upon the lots of the petitioner and praying the

interference of the Board Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller, Street Commissioner & Attorney of the Board.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Broome Street praying to have it paved from the Bowery to Sixth Street, and 6th St[t] paved to Grand St[t] and likewise Broome Street regulated paved to the East River, on being read was referred to the Alderm[n] & Assistant of the (10th) Ward & S[t] Commissioner.

[212] A Petition from John R Livingston stating that in a Grant to him from this Board for a Water Lot on the East River the Rent had been made to commence previous to the issuing of the grant & praying redress—Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller

A Petition from Israel Seaman to be appointed a Weigh Master was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition from Geo: Yonge Wood Inspector of 10th district praying for an enlargement of the same was read and referred to the City Inspector

The Petition of Hans Jacob Anderson praying remission of penalty for selling liquor without license was on report of the Attorney of the Board, granted.

The several Petitions of Mich[l] Byrne W[m] Marrenner Reuben Brooks, & Jonathan Looker also praying like remission of like penalties, were referred to the Attorney of the Board.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Margaret Crawbuck praying to erect a Stall for selling meat in Broadway above the Arch Bridge reported that the Prayer of the Petition be granted which was confirmed.

The same Com[e] on the Petition of Stephen Hilleker & W[m] Post to exchange Stalls N° 39 & 29 Fly Market reported in favor of Petitioners, which was confirmed.

[213] The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of New Slip reported

That it would be, in their opinion expedient to continue South Street easterly in its present direction, until it intersected Front Street near James's Slip, and that Front Street from thence to Corlaer's Hook be called South Street—Whereupon ordered that the same be confirmed and that the Street Commissioner cause a correct map of the shore extending from Beekman Slip to James's Street, pourtraying this arrangement, to be made and filed

The Committee to whom had been referred the *Petition of John R. Wheaton praying remission for forfeiture of flour in consequence of not having been inspected Reported that the facts stated in said Petition were true and therefore they were of opinion that the Corporations proportion of said seizure be remitted on payment of Costs and subjecting the Flour to inspection, Which Report was approved of.

The Committee to whom had been referred the †Petition of Owners &c[a] of Lots in Duane Street praying that said Street might be paved from Washington Street to the Hudson River, Reported that the prayer of said Petition be granted and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance agreably thereto—Which report was confirmed.

[214] The Attorney of the Board to whom had been referred the ‡Petitions of John S. Taylor, Thomas Williams, John Hutchings, Frederick Myers, Catharine Mills, John Turney, Ann Regan, Moses Hills and of Joshua Doan praying remission of fines for selling liquors without license Reported in favor of Petitioners—Which report was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the ||Petition of John P. Ritter and others praying that Greenwich Street might be paved, reported that the prayer of the Petition should be granted and that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance for that purpose. Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the §remonstrance of Francis Childs & others against opening Chamber Street Reported that after mature consideration and taking into view the interests of Individuals & of the Public they recommend that the Board proceed with all diligence in having the Street opened & continued as determined on by the Board—Which Report was confirmed.

¶The Committee to whom was referred the Letter of Daniel Phœnix Esq[r] signifying to the Board his resignation of the office which he holds of City Treasurer, made a Report in which they recommended that Whitehead Fish Cashier of the Manhattan Bank be appointed to that office—It was then moved that [215] the City Comptroller be appointed to perform that office, Whereupon on motion the said Report and Resolution were referred to a Special Committee consisting of Aldermen Drake Bingham Mesier Mott & Hopkins

A Communication from the Department of the City Inspector on

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* Marginal note reads *193.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *195.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *194.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *197.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *186.*—ED. ¶ Marginal note reads *124. 173.*—ED.

the subject of a Nuisance existing in Dover Street was committed to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward with authority to cause the same to be removed.

A like communication was received stating the probability that a former Drain might be found whereby the water of Little Water Street might be carried into the Collect, and ordered to be carried into effect.

A Report was rec'd of the Free Scholars educated by the *German Lutheran Congregation which was ordered to be filed.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction of Sundry nuisances from N° 4941 to 4958 which were ordered to pass.

"A Law respecting Vessels sunk in Public Slips" and "A Law to prevent swimming in certain parts of the City" were severally read and ordered to pass.

An account of Walter Bowne for Assessment for Ground taken for Frankfort & Pearl Streets was presented and referred to the Alderman & Assist[t] of 4 Ward & Street Commissioner.

[216] An Account from Thomas Smyth for Blacksmith Work done for the Bridewell amounting to £22.0.4 was presented

Ordered that a Warrant issue for payment of the same.

The following persons were appointed firemen the Cheif Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 20

Jacob Crum Cartman N° 9 Read S[t] 5 Ward
V. Stephen Callow resig[d]

Hook & Ladder Comp[y] N° 1

Martin Reder Cooper N° 25 New S[t] 1st Ward V. Rob[t] Perine do.

N° 31

Eden H. Glean Cordwainer N° 12 Sugar loaf S[t] 5th
V. Dan[l] Lane do.

Joseph Skelton E Ware Merch[t] N° 92 Liberty S[t] 2
V. W[m] H. Jones Bankrp[t]

Peter Morrison Grocer N° 15 Pearl S[t] 1st Tho[s] Shotwell res[d]

†The Comptroller presented Leases to Geo: Lorillard for Lot N° 4 Chatham Street for the term of 14 Y[rs] & 8 Mo[s] from the 1st Sept. 1815 at the annual rent of D[s] 225. to Peter & Geo: Lorillard for lot N°

* Marginal note reads *197*.—ED.
† Marginal note reads *123 154* [153-4].—ED.

30 Tryon Row for the term of 16 years from the 1st May 1814 at the annual rent of Ds 125. To the same persons for Lot No 32 Tryon Row for the term of 14 years from the 1st May 1816 at the annual rent of Ds 125. and to the same persons for Lot No for eleven years from the 1st May 1819 at the annual rent of Drs 125. which said several Leases upon being approved by the Council of the Board were ordered to pass.

On Motion Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed under the directions of [217] the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward to remove the Pump which stands in the middle of Bridge Street opposite the site of the late Stables of Somerendyck & Co

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed after every fire in the City to examine the Premisses and if there be any Chimnies Walls or Timber that will endanger the lives of the Citizens that he cause them to be forthwith taken down.

Resolved that the Sale of the Lease-hold Estate of Lawrence Heyer be postponed till the first tuesday in August next.

Resolved that the Lamp Committee be authorized to erect one or more Lamps in the Walks on the Battery.

Resolved that it be respectfully intimated to Colonel Williams Commandt of the Corps of Engineers of the U. States that in the opinion of this Board it would greatly contribute to the safety of persons navigating this Harbor if Lamps were placed upon the Castle now erecting on Governors Island on the Works erecting at the Western side of the Battery and at the end of Hubert Street on the Hudson River.

[218] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

479	Jacob DelaMontaigne Sp: Jus. Salary to 13th inst			.....	250.
480	James Warner	Do	Do	.....	250.
481	B. O Blennis Clerk	Do	Do	.....	250.
482	Wm Green 2 pr Blinds for Hall			.....	25.
483	S. Vn Antwerp Ironmongery for P. Buildgs			.....	210.36
484	P. Nagle Work to old Powder House			.....	28.92
485	Saml B. Waldron Overseer of Roads			.....	300.62
486	M. Dikeman Repairs to Pumps 4. 8 & 10 Wards			.....	109.50
487	Thos Smyth Blacksmiths Work for Bridewell			.....	55. 4
				Drs	1479.44

[219] In Common Council July 24th 1809

Present. DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John W. Mulligan	Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Adrian Hegeman	
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell	
John D. Miller		Isaac S. Douglass	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward	
Mangle Minthorne		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Petition was rec'd from Don Thomas Stoughton stating that one Francisco Pereyra a native of Spain at the late Sessions of the Peace had been sentenced to hard labor on the Highways, that from some circumstances in said Pereyra's case, the Jury had recommended him to mercy, and Petitioner therefore requested that the order for said Pereyra's working on the Highway might be suspended as an application was about to be made to the Governor for a Pardon—Resolved that the said Petition be referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition was rec'd from John Carpenter & Wm Gibson praying to receive a License as Butchers in the Fly Market, which was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was rec'd from *Enos Tompkins an Inspector of Wood praying an extension of his District—refd

[220] A recommendation was rec'd for the appointment of Abraham A Hart as Deputy Superintdt of Convicts which was referred to the Road Committee.

Petitions were rec'd from Alexr J. Stewart respecting a Complaint which had been entered against him for encumbering the Streets, & from James Mitchell & John Crenery praying for a remission of fines incurred for selling liquor without license, which were severally read & referred to the Attorney of the Board

A Petition was rec'd from Henry A Coster and others, stating that agreably to the order of the Board, they had contracted for & were proceeding to run out a Pier on the East side of the Old slip to the distance of 250 feet, but that they were stopped by order of the St Comissr who directed the Pier to be shortened, & praying that they may be permitted to run out the Pier agreably to the original order of the Board Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

* Marginal note reads *66*.—ED.

A Letter was rec'd from I. Auld Contractor for lighting the Public Lamps stating that he is ready to give a note for the amount of the Oil received from the former Contractor, but as there is a considerable quantity of the same that cannot be used immediately, he wished an extension of 30 or 60 days on the Balance and for which he was willing to pay Interest

Resolved that his request be complied with.

[221] A Communication was rec'd from the Comptroller stating that M^rs Beekman who was the Assignee of a Bond given by the Corporation to Robert Gilmore wished the Interest due on said Bond amounting to Seventy seven Dollars might be paid—Ordered that a Warrant issue for the payment of the same.

An application from Walter Bowne for payment of the Assessment for ground taken to open Frankfort was received and referred to the former Committee on his application Viz. Alderman & Assistant of 4^th Ward and Street Commissioner.

An application from the Superintendant of Repairs for an advance of D^rs 300. to defray expences of his department was received—Ordered that a Warrant issue for that sum

An Application from Jos: Burjeau requesting that the Attorney of the Board might be authorized to pay over to him a part of fines collected for delinquencies by Cartmen as a Compensation to him for his trouble in prosecuting them—was referred to the Attorney of the Board

The Street Commissioner agreably to the report of a Committee on the subject of paving* Duane Street from Washington Street to the Hudson river reported an Ordinance for that purpose which was passed and Lewis Ford Benjamin Romaine John Morss Gideon Tucker and Arthur Smith were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner also remarked that as probably it might be necessary to raise the Wharf in part of the Basin between Duane & Jay Streets he thought it would be proper to direct the Superintendant of Repairs to cause it to be done, if necessary. Which was agreed to.

[222] The Street Commissioner also agreably to the report of the Committee on the †Petition of John J. Astor and others for making Goerck Street from Grand to North Street reported an Ordinance for that purpose which was passed and which on the suggestion of the S^t Commissioner was directed to be published in the Newspapers employed by the Corporation

* Marginal note reads *195. 213.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *211.*—ED.

*The Street Commissioner also agreably to the report of the Committee on the Petition of John P. Ritter & others praying that Greenwich Street might be paved to Hammersley Street reported an Ordinance for that purpose which was passed and Gilbert Coutant Jonathan Pinkney Ebenezer Clark George Cleland and Jacob Freeland were appointed Assessors.

The Attorney of the Board on the several Petitions of Michael Byrn, Reuben Brooks, Jonathan Looker & W^m Marrenner for remission of fines for selling liquor without licenses reported in favor of the Petitioners, which was confirmed.

The Comptroller on the Memorial of John R. Livingston praying y^e discontinuance of a Suit brought by the Attorney of the Board for Water Lot rent reported that

M^r Livingston by his Petition of the 16^th of March 1807 solicited a Grant for a Water Lot between Stanton & Rivington Streets on the East river "upon such terms as have been granted to others." A Grant was accordingly made out by M^r Morton the former Comptroller dated the 14^th Dec^r 1807. the first payment to be made on the first day of May following, agreably to the usual custom

[223] At the time M^r Livingston signed the Counterpart which was in the Spring of 1808 he made some objections to paying at the time stipulated in the Grant, but at length executed the same. From a review of a number of Grants bearing the same date with the Memorialist's and several still later, all of which expressly covenant that the first payment shall be on the succeeding May, and the practice having been long established; the subscriber is of opinion that it would be improper for the Board to interfere in the premises and that the Attorney should be at liberty to pursue such measures as may be necessary for effecting a settlement.

respectfully submitted

July 24^th 1809 (S^d) G. N. Bleecker Compt^r

Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the resignation of Gouverneur Morris & Simeon DeWitt as Commissioners for laying out Canal Street, Reported that James Fairlie & Samuel Russell were proper persons to supply their places, Which report was agreed to

The Superintendant of Streets in a Report stated that as the Drain at Little Water Street was now opened, it was necessary to fill up a

* Marginal note reads *197. 214.*—ED.

certain part at the foot of said Street with earth, which was directed to be done

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correcting certain nuisances from N° 4958 to 4978 which were ordered to pass.

M^r Ward produced the following [224] Resolution. The Street Commissioner was some time since directed to report a Profile & an Ordinance for regulating Mercer Street Resolved that he delay the subject no longer but report the same at the next meeting of this Board, Which was agreed to.

M^r Ward also proposed the following Whereas several Ordinances of this Board have been passed for laying open Greenwich Street which have not been executed therefore Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs take immediate measures and remove the fences and lay open Greenwich Street to the Southward of Christopher Street.

On Motion resolved that John Titus be a referee on the subject of the sale of a Lot at Beekman Slip to P. Schermerhorn in place of Joshua Jones heretofore appointed who declines acting.

On Motion resolved that the Lamp Committee be authorized to direct the Lamps in the Yard of Columbia College to be lighted at the public expence

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts.

488	[225] Capt. N. Lawrence City Watch	276.36
489	W^m Van Wart do	276.36
490	W^m Peterson do	266.56
491	J. Snow do	266.56
492	T. Darling do	276.36
493	J. Anderson do	276.36
494	J. S. Hunn S^t Com^r to 14^th July	375.
495	P. Burtsell Stationary	116.19
496	B. Hart Powder &c^a	46.25
497	B. Hoghland work at P. House Jail	125.54
498	Thos Foote Mason work Do	38.62
499	D. Woolsey repairs to docks	248.95
500	I. Bouker making a Road	140.
501	M^rs Beekman Int on Bond	77.
502	J. Roome Sup: Repairs a/c Department	300.
503	J. P. Roome Sundries	21.65
		$3127.76

[226] In Common Council July 31st 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John W. Mulligan
James Drake	Adrian Hegeman
John Bingham	Thomas J. Campbell
John D. Miller	Isaac S. Douglass
Thurston Wood	Jasper Ward
Nicholas Fish	
Mangle Minthorne	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from John McDermot confined in Jail on execution at the suit of the Corporation & praying to be discharged; &

Petitions from Saml Fitz Randolph & James Perrin praying remission of fines for selling liquor without license were severally read & referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition was read from William White & Philip Luff praying to Exchange Stalls No 10 Hudson Market & No 5. Duane, now held by them and was referred to the Market Committee, who immediately reported thereon that leave be granted to exchange, which was agreed to.

An application from George Knox to be appointed City Chamberlain was read & referred to Aldermen Drake Fish & Bingham.

[227] A Petition was read from the owners of Lots in Rivington Street praying that the same may be paved from the West side of Norfolk Street to the West side of Pitt Street, & was referred to the Aldermn & Assistant of the 10th Ward & the Stt Commissioner.

An Application from Ebenezer Clark requesting that William Hunter may be compelled to make, agreably to a former ordinance of this Board, his proportion of Corlears Street, was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 7th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition was rec'd from persons residing on, and near Manhattan Island, stating the unhealthiness of the Marsh, & praying that said Marsh & Lots adjoining North Street might be filled up, & was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward & the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Owners of lots in Mulberry & Mott Streets praying that a Rope Walk which now extends across Pump Street may be removed & said Street opened, was referred to the Aldn & Asst of 6th Ward & St Commissioner

A Petition from Benjn F. Haskins praying that Lots adjoining his property in Stanton Street may be directed to be filled up was read

and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward & the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial was read from Andrew I. McLaughlin stating that for the accommodation of the Public he had, at great expence, [228] lately erected a Pavilion around the Flag Staff at the Battery and praying the Board to grant him such indulgences, either by a lease of the Premises, or in such other way as they should judge proper for his remuneration, was read and referred to Aldermen Wood Mesier & Bingham.

A Letter was rec'd from John B. Murray praying payment of a Bond given by the Corporation to Miller & Baker for Drs 2000 dated Augt 1st 1807 & payable 1st Augt 1809 & which Bond has been assigned to him—the same was referred to the Comptroller

The Committee upon the Petition of Thomas Phillips praying to be appointed a Measurer of Grain, reported as their opinion that sd Phillips should receive the appointment,

Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee upon the Petition of J. Carpenter & Wm Gibson praying License as Butchers and to have a Stand in Fly Market reported that in their opinion no new permits should be granted until the Deputy Clerk of the Market ascertain the number already granted as they were of opinion that if all the persons who now have permits, were to attend, the Market would not be sufficiently large to contain them

Which report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner recommended that Jacob Peters be appointed Assessor for Walker [229] Street in place of Saml Hutchings who is interested that John Stewart be appointed Assessor for Bridge Street in place of James A. Stewart who is indisposed & that

James Hall be appointed Assessor in the several Assessments wherein Richd Berrian has been appointed, who is out of town

Which several recommendations were confirmed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report

" The Street Commissioner deems it expedient to advise the Board that Mr Weathershire in opposition to the injunctions of the Committee and the order of the Corporation is proceeding with great rapidity to build a large slight framehouse over the old house damaged by the late fire, & ordered to be removed to open Chamber Street; evidently with a view either to prevent the Street from going thro' or to injure his neighbours who will be assessed for it, as well as the Corporation.

And as he has ten or twelve hands daily at work at it & has already enclosed and roofed the house & is putting up Chimnies, it is probable he will run the vicinity to a considerable expence before the time allowed by law to take it by valuation

The Board are the best judges whether they have any power or can devise any means to prevent or check such a great abuse of their orders & such a palpable injury to the inhabitants of that vicinity

John S. Hunn."

Resolved that the same be referred to the Council & Attorney of the Board & Street Commissioner.

[230] The Street Commissioner agreably to the report of a Committee upon an *application from the Proprietors of lots in Broome Street presented an Ordinance for paving said Street from the West side of Broadway to the East side of the Bowery which was passed & Ebenezer Clark James Hall Geo: Cleland, Jonathan Pinkney & John Stevens were appointed the Assessors.

The Street Commissioner agreably to the directions of the Board presented the draft of an Ordinance for continuing the †Pier built by Lewis Moore on the East side of Beekman Slip to the distance of 250 feet into the River which was directed to pass. (rescinded see p. 274)

The Street Commissioner agreably to the direction of the Board presented an Ordinance for paving part of Marketfield Street, which was passed, & he further recommended that the work be performed as stated in said ordinance under direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward & Street Commissioner

Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner recommended that the sum of Ds 178 57/100 being the amount awarded in favor of Robert McKie in the case of opening the Triangle near George Street be advanced to him, which sum will be repaid to the Board by an Assessment.

Ordered that a Warrant issue for said Sum accordingly favor R. McKie.

[231] An Account of Jacob Cholwell for monies due him on Bond....	2480.65
and for Oil.....	3983.76
Drs	6464.41

Total Six Thousand four hundred & Sixty four Dollars & forty one Cents, was read & referred to the Comptroller.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction

*Marginal note reads *211.*—Ed.
†Marginal note reads *p. 124 See 235 see p. 274.*—Ed.

of Sundry Nuisances from N° 4979 to N° 5000, which were ordered to pass.

An invitation from the President & Professors of Columbia College to attend & join the procession from the College Green to the North Dutch Church & to attend the Annual Commencement to be held on Wednesday the 2d of August next was read:

Whereupon Resolved that this Board will attend agreably to said invitation—& Ordered that a Chain be extended across the Streets adjacent to the North Church during the Commencement exercises to prevent the passage of Carts.

On Motion Resolved that the Sale of the Leasehold Estates of Lawrence Heyer be postponed until Tuesday the 8th of August.

Resolved that the following be a Committee to devise a mode of impounding Cattle that trespass on the Battery. Viz. Aldermen Mesier Drake Mr Hegeman & Mr The Attorney of the Board.

[232] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to Pay as follows Viz

N° 504	R. Graves. Assistants & Bell Carts		328.50
505	Wm J. Waldron Collector 1 Qr Saly		168. 8
506	James Hardie 1 Mos Salary & exps		69.
507	Andrew Otterson Saly 1 Mos		52.
508	Edwd Moran Do		52.
509	Mott Hicks Do		52.
510	B. Skaats Bell Ringers 4th July		12.75
511	Danl Davis repg Pumps 7th Ward		46.18
		63.10	
		57.52	
		83.20	
512	John Johnston Iron Work to Do	———	203.82
13 & 14			
515	A. Loss, Surveying at Greenwich for S. C		224.25
516	Robt McKie, Award for Triangle at Geo: Stt		178.57
			1387.15

In Common Council August 7. 1809

A sufficient number of Members not appearing to form a Board Adjourned to Monday next the 14th Augt inst

[233] In Common Council August 14th 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Benjamin Haight	Assistants
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell	
John D. Miller		Isaac S. Douglass	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward	
Mangle Minthorne		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from Caleb Coffin praying remission of a fine for selling liquor without license which was granted.

Petitions were received from Bernard Redmond, John Pope Charles McCarthy & Charles Redon praying like remissions which were referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition was rec'd from Henry, W. Thorne praying the appointment of Weigh Master, which was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition was rec'd from Wm Messerve praying a license as a Butcher and to be assigned to No 9 Catharine Market now occupied by [234] Cornelius Vandenbergh who was willing to relinquish the same, which was referred to the Market Committee, who immediately reported in favor of the Petition

Which was agreed to

Petitions were also received from Robt Wilks praying for a License as Butcher and to be assigned to No 28 Fly Market;

from Adam Ten Brook to receive license and to sell Meats on Chatham Square; &

from Michael Crawbuck to receive license & to be assigned to No 10 Exchange Market which were severally referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was rec'd from Cathe Wriker stating that her husband Philip Wriker a Butcher had been obliged to leave the City for a short time & praying that she might be permitted to hold his Stall

Ordered that the same be referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial was received from the Trustees of the New York Free School praying assistance towards completing the School House now erecting. Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Mott Fish & Mr Ward

A Petition was rec'd from W^m^ Sickles praying permission to erect a Stone Cutters Shop at the foot of Murray Street, & was referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 3^d^ & 5^th^ Wards.

[235] A Petition was rec'd from John Gardner praying for the Grant of Water Lot at Corlaers Hook & permission to sink Piers on Grand & Broome Streets. Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10^th^ Ward, the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

A Petition was received from the Inhabitants of the vicinity praying that the side walks might be made on the North side of Water Street from Montgomery Street to Corlaers Hook, and on the North side of Cherry Street from East Rutgers St^t^ to Gouverneur Street.

Ordered that it be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7^th^ Ward and St^t^ Commissioner.

A Memorial was rec'd from the Inhabitants of the vicinity, stating the insufficiency & dangerous situation of the Bridge at East Rutgers Slip

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7^th^ Ward & Street Commissioner.

A remonstrance from Lewis Moore against running the Pier on the East side of Beekman Slip was rec'd, which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips, who were authorized if they judged proper to place the Pier as requested by Lewis Moore.

A remonstrance was rec'd from John R Livingston against the Ordinance lately passed for making Corlaers Street, Ordered that the same be referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 10^th^ & 7^th^ Wards & Street Commissioner.

A Petition was rec'd from the Owners and Occupants of Lots in Vicinity of Bridge St^t^ [236] was rec'd stating that the part which was lately opened was in an offensive & unhealthy situation and praying that the same might be regulated and paved, was referred to the Alderman & Assist^t^ of the 1^st^ Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition was rec'd from J. W. Lent praying a lease of a small Triangular piece of Ground between the Free School House & Public Jail. Ordered that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from W^m^ Ward to be permitted to ferry persons from Jackson Street on Long Island to New York was read & referred to the Ferry Committee, with the addition of Alderman Bingham who was added to that Committee

A Communication was also rec'd on behalf of Abraham Cannon requesting permission to assign the Lease of the Ferry at Corlaers Hook to John Gardner & was referred to the same Committee with authority to permit the Assignment.

An Application was also rec'd from Oliver H. Hicks Administrator of Dirck Ammerman requesting permission to transfer the Lease of the New Ferry at Long Island lately held by M^{r} Ammerman, and was referred to the same Committee, with authority to permit the transfer under such regulations as they may judge proper.

An application was rec'd from W^{m} A. Hardenbrook for permission to build a Vault in front of His lot in Bowery Lane & from Nath^{l} Smith for like permission in front of his lot in Broadway which were severally granted under direction of the Alderman & Assistant of respective Wards & St^{t} Commissioner.

[237] The Committee to whom was referred the drafting an Ordinance for establishing a Pound reported the following which was passed

"A Law to provide for erecting a Pound

Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened this fourteenth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nine that a Pound shall be erected within the present limits of the Alms House Yard under the direction of the Superintendant of Repairs And that Andrew I. M^{c}Laughlin be & he is hereby appointed the Keeper of the said Pound."

And Andrew I M^{c}Laughlin was appointed Keeper.

A Communication was rec'd from Joseph Burjeau stating that Adam Fink Butcher in Harlem road had neglected to pay his Market fees. Ordered that said Adam Fink be suspended from exercising his trade of a Butcher until he shall have paid up the market fees now due from him.

The Commissioners of the Alms House presented the following Census of the persons now in said House on this day

Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total	Of whom are Sick			
					Men	Women	Children	Total Sick
227	311	125	101	764	59	88	19	166

Employed in the Domestic Concerns of the house

Taylors	Coblers	Bakers	Cooks	Hearsemen	Stable and Cowmen	Spinsters	Wash-women	Iron d°.	Nurses	Sewing women	Woodmen	Gardners	Oakum pickers	Sweepers	Total
4	12	3	11	5	3	12	22	8	22	18	10	2	45	12	189

Whole number of Souls	764
Deduct	189
Leaves as Cripples, Blind infirm & Children	575

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[238] A Statement was rec'd from Walter Bowne of the *Amount due him for Assessment in Frankfort Street—Ordered that it be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward.

A communication was rec'd from Tho^{s} Barrow requesting that the part of Green^{h} Street lately opened might be made passable for carriages Ordered that it be referred to the Str^{t} Commissioner.

An application was received from the Treasurer of the Building Committee for an advance of D^{rs} 3000—Ordered that a Warrant issue for said Sum.

An application from W^{m} Mooney Supd^{t} of the Alms House for the sum of D^{s} 4000 was also rec'd & a Warrant directed to be issued for the same

The Committee appointed to conduct the dinner on the 4th of July last presented an account of expenditures for the same amounting to D^{s} 551.65 Ordered that a Warrant issue for the same

On application of the Board of Health—Ordered that a Warrant issue to the Treasurer of said Board for D^{rs} 500.

The Committee to whom was referred the †Acct of I. A. Van Hook for Costs of suits of Corporation against, C, Sands & daughter reported,

That it appears that M^{r} Van Hook commenced the Suits in which those Costs accrued under the order of the Board on the ordinances mentioned in his statement, and that the suits failed in consequence of a variance between the property described in the Ordinances and the proof; that it has not appeared to the Committee that the failure was owing to the neglect of M^{r} Van Hook [239] that the charges contained

* Marginal note reads *215 221.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *S. 124 142.*—ED.

in his Bills as taxed they believe to be correct, and that no reason has appeared to the Committee why the amount should not be paid by the Board, as in other cases of persons regularly employed by them. The amount of the Council or extra fee the Committee think ought to be left to the discretion of the Board, but considering that Mr Van Hook was the regular Officer and that the Costs as taxed are considerable suppose he ought to be content with the amount of the taxed Bill

All which is respectfully submitted

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Adrian Hegeman
John W. Mulligan.

Which was agreed to & a Warrant ordered to issue for the amount of said taxed Bill being Drs 493:40.

The Committee to whom had been referred the subject of the resignation of Daniel Phœnix Esquire City Chamberlain reported as follows

"The Committee to whom was referred the letter from Daniel Phœnix Esqr City Treasurer resigning the office he holds under the Corporation, & requesting that an order may be made to transfer the Books Papers and Cash, as may be necessary in the premises

Have the Honor to Report

That they express what they believe to be the unanimous sentiments of the Common Council, that the City Treasurer during the period of near Twenty six Years has preserved the entire confidence and approbation of the Corporation by his integrity and faithful discharge of the duties of his office; and while they yield to the request signified in his communication of the 26th ulto [240] of accepting his resignation on account of the duties of this office being too oppressive for his declining years; they recommend that Whitehead Fish Esquire Cashier of the Manhattan Company be appointed Chamberlain and City Treasurer in the place of Mr Phœnix. It is also recommended that a Committee be appointed to examine the Accounts of the City Treasurer, and deliver over all the Accounts, Books, Papers, & Cash in his possession belonging to the Corporation to the new Treasurer, and to make the necessary arrangements accordingly with him.

And the Committee with a view to render the present system of Keeping the accounts of the Corporation more perfect, beg leave further to recommend that all receipts in future for money paid to the Chamberlain shall not be deemed good & sufficient unless signed by the Chamberlain & Countersigned by the Comptroller; that all Warrants when passed by the Supervisors as paid, on a settlement with the

Chamberlain shall be stamped, or otherwise marked, so that the same may never again be produced.

July 12th Signed James Drake
John Bingham
Peter Mesier
Jacob Mott

Which Report was agreed to

Whereupon Resolved that Whitehead Fish be and he is hereby appointed City Chamberlain And Resolved that the following Gentlemen be a Committee to examine & settle the accounts of the late Chamberlain Viz. Aldermen Mesier Bingham & Drake

[241] A Report from Daniel Phœnix City Treasurer, shewing the present state of the Treasury was received and referred to the above Committee

An Account was received from William Mooney Superintendant of the Alms House of the receipts and disbursements of said Institution for the Quarter ending the 21st July which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin F. Haskins reported

That the statement made by Mr Haskins the petitioner is true, and that in their opinion the City Inspector ought to be directed to serve Ordinances upon all the proprietors of lots adjoining those of Mr Haskins directing them to fill up the same without delay and in case that they refuse or neglect to fill the same, that the Street Commissioner cause the same to be filled up and assessed agreably to Law.

Augt 7. 1809. (Signed) Mangle Minthorne
John Drake
John S. Hunn.

Which was agreed to.

The Commissioners of the Alms House to whom had been committed the several applications for the Stewardship of said institution Reported

[242] A Report was rec'd from the Finance Committee recommending the Sale of the Lots owned by the Corporation adjacent to the Collect

Whereupon Resolved that the Board approve of said measure and that the said Committee be directed to report to the Board a plan for the Sale of said Lots.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips presented an account of

the Receipts & expenditures for the Mud Machine during the last season which was referred to the Comptroller

The Lamp Committee presented a statement of the account of Jacob Cholwell late Lamp Contractor—Whereupon Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of said Cholwell for D^{s} 3000 on a/c and Resolved further that the Lamp Committee be directed to adjust with M^{r} Cholwell as well the claims which this Board have against him for his breach of the Contract respecting lighting the Public Lamps, as his demands against this Board.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the several applications of *John B. Murray and †Jacob Cholwell for payment of Principal & Interest due on Bonds which they hold against the Corporation referred on the 31st ult reported that

On the eleventh of January last the Subscriber had the honor to submit to the Board among other documents, a statement of Bonds payable, accompanied by the following memorandum.

"Several Bonds have been given for Canal Street some of which are not on the Books in the Comptrollers Office but from information obtained of the Street [243] Commissioner the whole amount of the Debt was.....	45.228.25
Supposed by him to be paid.....	12.788.25
balance.....	$32.440.

Between three and four years interest at 7 P Cent per annum is now due on these Bonds, which will make the whole amount shortly payable, upwards of Forty Thousand Dollars.

The injurious consequences arising from the system formerly pursued of issuing Bonds for opening of Streets, begin now to appear. There can be no question but that owners of land taken by the public for Streets, should be fairly and honorably paid within a reasonable stipulated time; and it must be also evident that the assessment & Collection of the like amount ought punctually to be made within the same period. The evils that result from not strictly adhering to this mode of conducting the business, must be apparent. The Bonds issued are transferred frequently from the original holder, and the present possessor expects payment at the time stipulated, without regarding the object for which the Bond was given, and depends on the good faith of the Corporation for punctual payment. From whatever cause a delay has arisen in the Assessment and Collection of the amount

* Marginal note reads *228*.—ED.
† Marginal note reads *231*.—ED.

payable by individuals benefitted by the Streets, the inconveniencies & loss resulting therefrom to the Corporation is still produced and the evil will necessarily continue & encrease till a more rigid adherence a more equitable mode [244] is pursued. What answers ought to be returned to the applications abovementioned is now brought forward and is attended with no inconsiderable embarrassment. The credit of the Corporation stands pledged on one hand to a due compliance with the conditions of the Instruments which they have executed; and on the other the situation of the Treasury absolutely forbids the granting of Warrants, which cannot at present be satisfied, and to issue the latter without possessing adequate means for their discharge will not diminish the difficulty. The Subscriber is satisfied that every exertion has been made in his department, to effect the collection of monies due to the Corporation, and to maintain the credit of the Treasury; and if the expences have encreased more rapidly than was anticipated, it has been owing to occurrences over which he had no controul. There has been no diminution in the collection of the ordinary branches of Revenue and considerable sums will still become due in the course of the Current year, from the same quarter. The Sale of Lots adjacent to the Collect and in other places together with the Tax for the present year, are sources from which supplies may confidently be expected. The first will probably produce a considerable sum, and it now rests with the Committee on that subject to digest the best plan for accomplishing this important object. About one half of the Assessment Books are returned; when the whole are received, they will immediately be laid before the Supervisors for [245] adjustment, & no time will be lost in expediting the calculations, in order that the respective Collectors may proceed as promptly as possible in Collecting the Tax.

Considering the subject in question, with all that impartiality and attention which it demands, the Subscriber is induced to recommend from a review of the premises, that the payment of all Bonds given for Canal Street, should, of necessity, be suspended for the present

As new Commissioners are appointed to regulate Canal Street, strong hopes are entertained that the Completion of this protracted business, is not very remote

Respectfully submitted

Aug^{t} 7. 1809 (Signed) G. N. Bleecker

Compt^{r}

Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee on the *case of Laurence Heyer, presented a Report—Whereupon Resolved that the further consideration of said Report be postponed until Monday the 26th September next—And Resolved further that the sale of said Heyers lease-hold Estate be postponed to the 3d Octr next.

The Committee to whom was referred the †petition of Andw I. McLaughlin reported "That taking into consideration the great expence he has incurred in making improvements at the Flag Staff, they recommend that all the right title and interest which the Corporation possess in said Flag Staff should be Leased to Andrew I. McLaughlin for three years from the first of May last, on Condition that [246] he take charge of the Battery and all the inclosures during the said term under the direction of the Common Council provided the same shall not be wanted for Fortifications, and that he shall not transfer the same to any person without leave of the Corporation.

August 9th 1809 Signed, Thurston Wood
John Bingham

Which Report was agreed to.

The Attorney of the Board to whom had been committed the ‡communication of Mr Burjeau respecting compensation for regulating Cartmen reported the following Resolution, which in his opinion ought to be adopted

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to pay over to the Chief or First Marshall, in all cases in which he shall give the information, on which conviction shall take place under the Law referred to in said communication, such sum not exceeding the one half of the penalty recovered, as in his discretion he shall deem proper

All which &c
Augt 5. 1809. S. Cowdrey

Which was agreed to.

The Attorney of the Board on the ||Petition of John McDermot reported

"That the petitioner was prosecuted for a breach of his recognizance as a Tavern Keeper & a Judgement recovered against him for the amount of the Penalty, for which and the Costs of Suit he is now in Custody upon a Capias ad [247] satisfaciendum—That the petitioner is unquestionably unable to pay the amount thus recovered & he has already suffered an imprisonment of nearly two months.

* Marginal note reads *217. 231.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *227.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *221.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *226.*—Ed.

The petitioner undoubtedly has rendered himself by the conduct for which he is now in confinement the just subject of punishment—But as that has been already very sensibly felt by him, & there is no probability of his making any satisfaction in money the Undersigned is of opinion that the Common Council would be justified in remitting the penalty particularly as the Petitioner may on application under the Act commonly called the Two Hundred Pound Act procure his liberation which will be attended with expence to him & in all probability with no advantage to the Common Council.

The Undersigned has therefore the honor to recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that Isaac A. Van Hook Esq[r] the late Attorney of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to discharge John M[c]Dermot a prisoner confined in Jail at the suit of this Board upon payment of Costs—And if in his opinion the said John M[c]Dermot shall be unable to pay them, then that the said Attorney discharge him without costs.

All which is respectfully submitted

Aug[t] 5[th] 1809 Signed S Cowdrey"
Att[y] C. C.

Which Report & Resolution were agreed to.

The Attorney of the Board to whom had been referred the *Petitions of John Creney Sam[l] Fitz Randolph James Prince and [248] James Mitchell praying remission of fines for selling liquor without license Reported that in his opinion the prayers of the several petitions should be granted, as also that of *Alexander J Stewart for encumbering the streets. Which was agreed to.

The Chief Engineer from the Fire Department to whom had been referred the Petitions of †Fire Engine Company N° 7 praying for a New Engine, of ‡Company N° 13 for a new Engine House & of ||Company N° 14 for enlargement of their Engine House reported that it would be proper to grant the prayer of the several Petitions, which was agreed to.

The Committee to whom had been referred the §Petition of John Lawrence and Richard Riker Reported

That the Petitioners are the proprietors of a tract of land containing about thirty acres situate & being in the 9[th] Ward of this City bounded Southwesterly by the farm of the late John Jones dec[d] North-

* Marginal note reads *220*.—Ed. † Marginal note reads *196*.—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *102*.—Ed. || Marginal note reads *115*.—Ed. § Marginal note reads *210*.—Ed.

easterly by the farm in the possession of Thomas Astin, Southeasterly by the East River or Sound & Northwesterly partly by land belonging to this Corporation. That Lot N° 204 was sold in fee to J. Wilkes in the year 1806 for the sum of 1537 $^{5}/_{100}$ D^{rs} subject also to an Annual rent of four bushels of Wheat; that the adjoining lot N° 203 was at the same time leased to him for twenty one years.

And that lot N° 205 still belongs to & is now in the possession of the Corporation, that the above described lots lie between the Main road and the land of the petitioners; and that the ground [249] reserved for Streets between said Lots is so extremely rough, irregular & rocky that a safe and tolerably convenient road could not be made between any of them without incurring an expence of several thousand dollars, which in the opinion of the Committee would be inexpedient at present, but inasmuch as the Petitioners have no road or Way to and from their land but by the indulgence of individuals through whose land they now pass, & inasmuch as a safe and practicable road might be opened from the Main Road to the land of the petitioners through lot N° 205 without much expence to the proprietors, the Committee would recommend that the said lot N° 205 should be sold to the Petitioners in fee simple at the same rate p^{r} acre as the adjoining lot N° 204 was sold for to John Wilkes in the Year 1806 but as said lot N° 205 is deficient in quantity Viz three feet in front & rear on the same throughout said lot; that in consequence of said deficiency the Committee would recommend that the Sale should be made to them exempt from the payment of an annual rent.

All which is respectfully submitted

August 7. 1809 (Signed) Nicholas Fish
Jacob Mott.

Which Report was confirmed

A Report was received from the Police Office that Capt Lawrence had suspended Andrew Simmons one of his Watchmen for sleeping on his post—that Capt. Snow had suspended John Connelly for non-attendance to his duty & that Capt. Anderson had suspended William Day for neglect of duty and Allison Platt for abusing him the said Anderson—Ordered that said Report be referred to the Watch Committee.

[250] The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the Correction of certain Nuisances from N° 5000 to N° 5045, which were ordered to pass.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying Corresponding Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 1.

Thos A. Gilman Butcher N° 156 Reed St 5th Ward
v. Isaac Little Remd

N° 27

Wm Wickham Merchant Greenwich St 5th
v. Danl Horton Expelled

N° 26

Zophar Carpenter Cartman Essex St 10th v. Henry Hulsart

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Griffith Griffiths Ship Wright Pitt St 10
v. Corns Van Benscowter resd

John Oakley Shoe maker Corner of Hester & Orchard
Wm Spunodell resd

Jacob Flick Rope Maker Second St 10 Allen Frost "

*The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for raising regulating and paving South Street from Coffee House Slip to Old Slip which was passed and Samuel Tooker Robert Morris Junr John Nitchie Sr John H. Sickles & George Gosman were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner also presented an Ordinance directing the Wharf along the South side of South Street between Old Slip & Wall Street Slip to be built up raised and levelled which was passed & in case of non compliance by proprietors of Lots the Street Commissioner was authorized to cause it to be done & to be charged upon the assessment for paving

The Street Commissioner presented the following report respecting Ground at Beekman Slip

" The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board that the Referees appointed to value the piece of Ground proposed to be sold to Mr Schermerhorn on the West side of Beekman Slip think it [251] necessary that they should be furnished with a survey & map of the Shape and quantity of ground to be valued, to be annexed to their award in order to form a just decision of the value of the property and that the Ground be staked out correctly to prevent further disputes or misunderstanding.

In order to effect this it will be expedient for the Board to de-

* Marginal note reads *171. 198.*—ED.

termine upon the precise line of Mr Codwise's Lots on Burling Slip; for if the Southerly Corner of his lots on South Street should be directed to be placed 25 feet from the inside of the wharf sunk by him on the east side of Burling Slip the Corporation will obtain a front of three feet upon South Street adjoining Beekman Slip, which will considerably encrease the value of that plot of Ground & render it more useful to Mr Schermerhorn If on the contrary the corner of Mr Codwise's Lot should be directed to begin 28 feet from the wharf the survey will bring the ground to a point or sharp Corner upon South Street & very little encreaze the size of Mr Schermerhorns lots there, as may be seen by an inspection of the enclosed sketch of the premises

The Street Commissioner further represents that *that* in all probability Burling Slip will in a few years be filled up; in which case the Street will be considerably more than 100 feet wide—that Mr Codwise by the tenor of his Grant, has the use of a street or Wharf 25 feet wide & no more, & that the survey placing his corner 25 feet from the Wharf or Slip will be no possible inconvenience to him, as the Street will then be the width originally intended; & his ground is still vacant.

The Street Commissioner is of opinion that the Corporation ought to avail themselves of this [252] opportunity of obtaining compensation for the said three feet of ground, which will otherwise be entirely lost to them & recommends the following Resolution

Resolved that the Southwesterly line of the Water Lots granted to George Codwise Junr on the East side of Burling Slip and lately filled up by him commence on the Northerly line of South Street twenty five feet easterly from the inside of the present wharf of Burling Slip and thence continue in a straight line to the Northwesterly corner of his lots on Front Street and that the Street Commissioner procure a Survey and map of the lots between Beekman & Burling Slips & cause the Ground to be staked out in conformity thereto

The Street Commissioner further represents that the Referees are of opinion that it will be adviseable for the Corporation to enter into Bonds with Mr Schermerhorn to abide by their decision giving them power to choose a third person in case they disagree—The Street Commissioner being of the same opinion presents the draft of a Bond for that purpose which he submits for the consideration of the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted

Augt 7. 1809. John S Hunn

Which Report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner reported that the Jury had assessed for opening *Collect Street as follows

Whereas the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York for the purpose of opening and [253] improving Collect Street in the said City did in pursuance of the authority vested in them by law cause a certain precept to be issued under the hands & seals respectively of DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor and James Drake and Jacob Mott Esquires Aldermen of the said City whereby Benjamin Ferris Esquire Sheriff of the City & County of New York was commanded to impannel and return a Jury to appear before the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayors Court of the City of New York held at the City Hall in and for the said City before the Judges of the said Court on the third Monday of May last to enquire of and assess the damages and recompence due to John Bogert and And^{w} Stockholm for grounds belonging to them respectively and required for the purposes aforesaid by the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty.

And Whereas the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty for the purpose and in pursuance of the authority aforesaid did cause and direct a certain other precept to be issued under the hands and seals respectively of Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder and James Drake and Thurston Wood Esquires Aldermen of the said City whereby the said Sheriff was commanded to empannel and return a Jury to appear before the said Court on the third Monday of July last to enquire of and assess the damages and recompence due to Leonard Fisher for Ground & Buildings belonging to him, required for the purpose aforesaid by the s^{d} Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty

And Whereas the said Jury empanelled and returned to appear before the said Court on the third Monday of May last did thereupon estimate the damages and recompence due to the said [254] John Bogert for ground the sum of six hundred and seventy five Dollars; and the damages and recompence due to the said And^{w} Stockholm for ground the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars; and the Jury empannelled & returned to appear before the said Court on the third Monday of July last, did thereupon estimate the damage and recompence due to the said Leonard Fisher for Ground the sum of Two thousand four hundred dollars and for buildings and improvements Five Hundred and twenty two $^{50}/_{100}$ Dollars, which sums together with the sum of Eighty one dollars and fifty Cents expended by the said Mayor Aldermen and

$675
2500
2400
522.50
81.50
6'179:0

* Marginal note reads *120.*—ED.

Commonalty in the proceedings aforesaid amount to Six
$6'179:0 Thousand one hundred and seventy nine Dollars besides such sums as the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty by their Street Commissioner have agreed to pay Henry Brooks for a Gore of Land required of him

Therefore be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened this fourteenth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and nine in pursuance & by virtue of the power in them vested by Law, that Peter Bonnett, John P. Anthony, William Whitlock Samuel Stilwell and Luke Kip being disinterested freeholders of the City of New York be and they are hereby authorized and directed to make an equitable assessment of the aforesaid sum [255] of Six Thousand one hundred & seventy nine Dollars and all other expences in the premisses, among all the owners and occupants of the houses and lots of Ground intended to be benefitted by the aforesaid improvement, in proportion as nearly as may be to the advantage which each shall be deemed to acquire."

He therefore presented An Ordinance for assessing the same on the persons to be benefitted which was passed and Peter Bonnett, John P. Anthony W^m^ Whitlock Samuel Stilwell and Luke Kip were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner reported that Justus Dearman by his agreement is entitled to one third of his money for sinking the Pier on the East side of Old Slip and that the portion due from the Corporation was D^s^ 1066 $^{67}/_{100}$ which he recommended should be paid; Ordered that a Warrant issue for that sum.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Pitt Street which was confirmed and Thomas Lovett was appointed to collect the same.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for opening Frankfort Street which he recommended previous to confirmation should be published in the Papers, & that 100 Hand Bills should be struck informing of said assessment—Which was directed accordingly.

The Street Commissioner represented that Halsey and Westervelt Contractors for building the Center Pier at Peck Slip were entitled to receive D^rs^ 1500 on their Contract having sunk three Blocks and prepared other materials.

Ordered that a Warrant issue in their favor for that Sum.

[256] The Street Commissioner informed the Board that the un-

finished Assessments which were formerly put into the hands of Mr Bussing to collect & were afterwards placed for that purpose in the hands of Richard Clarkson still remained uncollected & that Clarkson had left the City—Whereupon Ordered that the Attorney of the Board take measures for the recovery of the sums received by Clarkson & unpaid by him from the sureties of said Clarkson.

A representation was made to the Board that John Bush at No 8 Roosevelt Street had at a fire on the 7th Augt refused to deliver out his fire buckets Ordered that the same be referred to the Atty of Board.

A Letter was received from James Fairlie declining an Acceptance of the appointment of Commissioner for Canal Street.

The Board having been informed that Mr Rutherford declined to act as a Commissioner for Canal Street—William H Ireland & Daniel J. Ebbets were appointed Commissioners

Resolved that the Secretary give notice to those persons of their appointment & that their neglecting to act be considered as a resignation of their Office.

Resolved that Peter Van Hooter, Isaac R Remsen, Johon John, Nicholas Fox & Edward Bradwell who were at the last Sessions of the Peace sentenced to the County Prison be employed on the Public Highways under the direction of the Road Committee.

The following Resolution was presented & passed

[257] "Whereas applications are frequently made to the Board for Water Lot Grants, and the applicants afterwards neglect to take them out; therefore Ordered that all communications for Grants shall be accompanied with a Map or Survey of the property applied for, certified by a sworn Surveyor; and after a report thereon by the Comptroller recommending the issuing of a Grant; the Applicant shall execute the same within four weeks from such report, or forfeit his claim to said Grant

Ordered that the Clerk cause the above resolution to be inserted in the newspapers employed by the Board for the space of four Weeks"

Which was agreed to.

The following information was also directed to be published three times in the papers employed by the Board

"As frequent instances occur of Children straying from their homes, & many persons may be ignorant of the proper place whither they ought to be sent, the Corporation have designated the Alms House as an Asylum for lost children, where it is requested they may be immediately sent, that parents & guardians may know where to apply for information"

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to issue to the Heirs of Thomas Ten Eyck Two Bonds one for Dollˢ 1000 and one for $500 upon the surrendering of a Bond for Dˢ 1500 some time since given by the Board to Thomas Ten Eyck deceased.

William Devoe of the Ninth Ward Cordwainer was admitted a Freeman of this Corporation and took the Oaths prescribed by the Charter.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay as follows.

Nº 517	[258] Captᵗ Lawrence Watch	276.36		
518	" Wᵐ Van Wart do	276.36		
519	" W. Peterson "	266.56		
520	" J. Snow "	266.56		
521	" T. Darling "	276.36		
522	" J. Anderson "	276.36		
				1638.56
523	G. N. Bleecker Compʳ 1 Qʳ to 16 Augᵗ			250.
524	D. King Room for Grand Jury—Beer &c for Corpⁿ			73.37
525	Wᵐ P. Roome Keeper of Potters field to 1 Augᵗ			31.
526	Henry D. Tripp Attdg at Park do			19.37
527	H. Marshall & J. Hutchings Marshals Sundays 2ᵈ W			22.
528	Lang & Turner Advertising			1.25
529	Wᵐ Williss Coroner 1 Qʳ to Augᵗ 1ˢᵗ			183.15
530	S. B. Waldron Overseer of Roads to 1ˢᵗ Augᵗ	310.80		
531	B. M. Vⁿ Beuren do "	284.76		
				595.56
532	John Fine repg pumps 1ˢᵗ Ward	85.25		
533	Jaˢ L. Jaycocks do 3 & 5ᵗʰ	75.50		
				160.75
534	Amos Rooke 1 Qʳ to 1 Augᵗ Signals 82.50 Blocks 2.50			85.
535	Wᵐ Butler ironwork to Pumps 1ˢᵗ Ward			37.35
536	J. Cholwell on a/c Lamps			3000.
537	Jaˢ Drake Treasʳ Board of Health			500.
538	J. Morton Public Dinner 4ᵗʰ July last			551.65
539	J. Burjeau for Marshals at Commencement C. C			5.
540	Halsey & Westervelt Acctᵗ Center Pier Peck Slip			1500.
541	Justus Dearman Acctᵗ Pier East Side Old Slip			1066.67
542	I. A. Van Hook Costs of Suit Corpⁿ vˢ Sands &c			493.40
543	J. H. Sickles for Building Committee			3000.
544	Wᵐ Mooney Superintendant Alms House			4000.
		Total		$17.214. 8

[259] In Common Council August 21. 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esq[r] Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John W. Mulligan	Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Benjamin Haight	
John Bingham		Adrian Hegeman	
Thurston Wood		Thomas J. Campbell	
Nich[s] Fish		Isaac S. Douglass	
Mangle Minthorne		Sam[l] Torbert	
		Jasper Ward	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved.

The Board proceeded to make their quarterly examination of the Bridewell & Alms House—On their return the following business was transacted

A Petition from Amos Rooke Keeper of the Signal Flags at the Narrows, praying for a further compensation was read & referred to Ald[n] Wood M[r] Torbert & M[r] Mulligan

A Memorial from the inhabitants in the vicinity remonstrating against the erection of a new Engine House at Burling Slip, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition was rec'd from James Farrell praying remission of a fine for selling a Trunk of Cloathing. & John Joseph Rosback for remission of a Penalty recovered against him for not keeping the Yard in the [260] rear of his dwelling house clean, which were severally referred to the Attorney of the Board

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Essex Street was received praying that said Street might be regulated between Grand & Delancey Streets, & was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & St[t] Commissioner.

A representation from the Inhabitants of *South Street on the subject of paving said Street was rec'd and referred to the Street Commissioner

Sundry Petitions & Communications for and against widening the walks in the Bowery were received & referred to Ald[n] Mesier Bingham & M[r] Haight

A Petition from George Codwise praying a reconsideration of the question relative to a Sale of a piece of ground at Burling Slip to Peter Schermerhorn was read & referred to the former Committee on P. Schermerhorns Petition Viz Ald[n] Hopkins M[r] Mulligan & The Street Commissioner

* Marginal note reads *198. 250.*—ED.

A Petition from Peter Costelyou praying that he might be permitted to commute by payment of a sum of money for the Quit rent which is payable from Lot N° 37 Whitehall Street was read & referred to the Comptroller.

A Communication was rec'd from Walter Bowne stating objections to the Assessment lately made for opening Frankfort Street—Ordered that the same together with the said Assessment be referred to Alderman Bingham M^r Douglass & M^r Campbell

[261] A Communication was received from Jos: Burjeau stating that Samuel Winship a Butcher had neglected after repeated applications to pay the Market fees due from him. Ordered that said Winship be suspended from exercising the Trade of a Butcher until he shall have settled and paid the Market fees now due from him.

A Letter was rec'd from John Pintard Esq^r Secretary of the New York Historical Society, requesting the attendance of the Board at an Oration to be delivered by the Reverend Samuel Miller on the 4^th Sept. next in commemoration of the second centenary Anniversary of the discovery of this part of America by Henry Hudson; and also requesting the use of the Front Court Room for the meeting of the Society on said occasion Whereupon Resolved that the invitation of said Society be accepted and that the use of the room be granted to them.

The Committee on the *petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Pump Street praying that said Street may be opened reported in favor of the Petition Ordered that said Petition and Report be referred to the Street Commissioner & the Comptroller.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the †Accts of the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips for receipts and Expenditures of Mud Machine reported that he had examined said Accounts & Vouchers—that there had been advanced by Warrants D^rs 900.—& expended $915.^{52}/_{100}$ leaving a Balance due the Treasurer [262] of the Committee of $\$15:^{53}/_{100}$

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of James Drake Esq^r Treasurer of said Committee for the said balance.

The Committee on the ‡Petition of W. Sickles praying permission to erect a Stone-Cutters Shop at foot of Murray Street reported that in their opinion it is not expedient at present to grant the prayer of the Petition Which Report was confirmed

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* Marginal note reads *117*.—ED.
† Marginal note reads *242*.—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *234*.—ED.

The Committee on the *Petition of W^m^ Ward for erecting a Ferry from Jacksons Wharf, reported that the said Petition ought to be referred to the Board of Health.

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Petition of O. Hicks Admin^r^ of D. Ammerman reported as their opinion that the Administrator be permitted to transfer the Lease of the Catharine Ferry to the Corporation upon paying up the Rent due and that a Lease of the remainder of the term be granted to Rodman Bowne upon the same terms he giving Thomas H. Smith & Son & Samuel Bowne as Sureties from the first instant Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee on the †remonstrance of Lewis Moore reported, that as there is one Block of 30 feet already built at Beekman Slip, they recommend that the Block in *centinuation* [continuation] be built 30 feet wide and that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance corresponding thereto—Which was agreed to.

[263] The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of ‡Jay Street to be paved, Reported that the prayer of the Petition be granted and that the Street Commissioner present an Ordinance for carrying the same into effect

Which Report was confirmed

The Committee on the ||Petition of N. Brown & others for laying side walks on the north side of Water Street &c^a^ reported that the prayer of the Petition be granted & that the Street Commiss^r^ prepare Ordinances for paving the same with blue stone—Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee on the ||Petition of John Gardner for a Water Grant opposite his property at Corlaers Hook Reported as their opinion that the Comptroller be directed to prepare Grants for the same upon the usual conditions, & to make & uphold the necessary streets. Which Report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of an Assessment for paving Hague Street which was confirmed & Henry Van Pelt was appointed Collector.

The Attorney of the Board on the several §Petitions of Bernard Redmond, Cha^s^ M^c^Carthy[233.] John Pope & Charles Redon praying remis-

* Marginal note reads *236.*—ED. † Marginal note reads *235.*—ED. ‡ Marginal note reads *97. 145. 201.*—ED. || Marginal note reads *235.*—ED. § Marginal note reads *233.*—ED.

sion of Penalties for selling liquor without license Reported in favor of the Petitioners.

Which Report was confirmed

[264] A Report was rec'd from the Police Office that Capt. Snow had suspended W^m Spingingall a Watchman for sleeping on his post

that Capt. Lawrence had suspended John Sturges—& Capt Peterson had suspended Jacob Arnold for similar offences.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Watch Committee.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the *Account of the Superintendant of the Alms House for the quarter ending the 31^st July last reported that he had examined the Books and Vouchers of the Superintendant and find that a balance was due to the Superintendant of D^s 4131.$^{68}/_{100}$ agreably to the Account Current presented Ordered

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from N^o 5045 to 5065—which were ordered to pass.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Fire Engine Company N^o 32.

Fred^k Heinager Butcher Spring St^t vice Lancaster Palmer res^d

N^o 20

Reuben Knapp Rigger. N^o 140 Greenw^ch St^t 3. W.

v. Horton M^cGea d^o

N^o 30

John Luther Ropemaker Essex St^t 10^th W^d v. Eli Everell d^o

A Report was received from James Hardie stating that certain sunken Lots at the Corner of Broadway and Sugar Loaf Street had been complained of as [265] nuisances, that endeavors had been made to discover the owners without success—that by direction of the Board of Health they had been partially covered but that they were still in a disagreable & offensive state—Whereupon Ordered that the S^t Commissioner cause the same to be filled up with good & wholesome earth & that the expences attending the same be charged & remain a lien upon the said Lots.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the Owners and Occupants of Lots in Varick Street on North side of Spring Street to repair & fill in certain sunken places in said Street so as to make the

* Marginal note reads *241.*—ED.

same passable for a Cart agreable to a former report of a Committee on that subject.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be & he is hereby directed to have the Street in front of the Albany Basin commonly called Swartwouts Basin immediately paved according to the original design.

Resolved that the Watch Committee be directed to place a Watchman at the door of the House in which the Governor resides when in this City.

The Bond executed by Whitehead Fish Chamberlain of the City & by Thomas Cadle & Garrit Gilbert as his sureties in the sum of £5000 for the faithful performance of the duties of his office was presented.

Resolved that the same be approved.

A Request of the Superintendant of Streets [266] for an Advance of $100 & of the Superintendant of Repairs for $300 were received & Warrants ordered to issue.

Resolved that Fifty new Lamps be provided under the direction of the Lamp Committee

Ordered that Warrants issue to pay

Nº 545	Nichs Lawrence	City Watch	.....	276.36
546	Wm Vn Wart	do	.....	276.36
547	Wm Peterson	do	.....	266.56
548	James Snow	do	.....	266.56
549	Thos Darling	do	.....	276.36
550	Isaac Anderson	do	.....	276.36
				1638.56
551	Benjn Hoogland	Work for Supdt of repairs	.....	88.88
552	Jonn Brook & Stagg	—8th Ward Sunday Law	.....	11.
553	Mercantile Advertiser,	advertising	.....	14.96
554	Wm J. Castle	repg Pumps 2d Ward	.....	64.12
555	Wm Butler	Blacksmiths Work Do	.....	18.14
556	Benjn Mott	paving lot Nº 233 front Strt	.....	25.71
557	Thos Hazard	himself & Turnkeys	.....	437.50
558	Jas Drake Esqr	balance due as Treasr of Mud Machine	.....	15.53
559	John Bingham Esr	for Committee Repairs	.....	300.
560	Roswell Graves	Supt. of Streets for Expencs	.....	100.
			Total.....Drs	2714.37

[267] In Common Council August 28th 1809.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor
P. C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Charles Dickinson	John W. Mulligan
James Drake	Adrian Hegeman
Thurston Wood	Thomas J. Campbell
Nicholas Fish	Isaac S. Douglass
M. Minthorne	Samuel Torbert
	Jasper Ward
	John Drake

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from Peter Wilt praying license as a Butcher and to be assigned to Stand N° 17 Fly Market, which was referred to the Market Committee.

A remonstrance was rec'd from sundry Butchers on the subject of selling meat at other places than the established Markets and complaining of the same which was referred to the Market Committee.

A further Petition was rec'd from Joseph Conklin stating that the *money due to him for regulating and paving Rynder Street was still unpaid & praying the interposition of the Board in his favor—Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on his former petition Viz Aldermen Wood Mesier & Mr Slidell

[268] A Petition was rec'd from Ephraim Brasher & others on the subject of laying the Walks in Broadway which was referred to the former Committee on this subject Viz Aldermen Mesier Bingham & Mr Haight

A Petition was rec'd from sundry Inhabitants praying that so much of North Street as *as* is between the East side of the Bowery & the West side of Orchard Street may be opened & that so much of said Street as is between the Bowery and First Street may be regulated

Whereupon Ordered that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance agreably to the prayer of the Petition

The Attorney of the Board submitted a letter rec'd by him from Thos A. Emmett Esqr stating that he was directed to renew the †suit of Capt. Colver on the subject of the Mud Machine in the name of his Brother, & requesting that the said Attorney would enter an appearance in behalf of the Corporation & that he would also consent

* Marginal note reads *128*.—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *103*.—Ed.

that the Testimony taken in the former cause be used without a further examination

Whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to the Council & Attorney of the Board to report thereon.

A Letter was rec'd from Peter H. Wendover complaining that there are constant infractions of the Sunday Law by racing Horses.

Ordered that the same be filed.

[269] A letter was rec'd from Alderm^{n} Bingham (who on account of illness in his family was unable to attend the Board) recommending that the Roads thro' the Inclenberg purchase should be opened—Ordered that the same be referred to the Road Committee.

An application was rec'd from John H. Sickles Treasurer of the Building Committee, stating that Johnston & Stevens had fulfilled their Contract for the delivery of Marble, & requesting the advance of Dollars 3000 for the settlement of their account—Whereupon Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of M^{r} Sickles for that amount.

It was also directed that a Mortgage given by Nathan Johnson & Elisha Stevens Jun^{r} bearing date on 27th June 1805 upon certain lands in the County of Berkshire & State of Massachusetts for securing the payment of D^{rs} 4000. to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of New York should be given up to said Johnson & Stevens to be cancelled, the same having been satisfied.

The following person was appointed a member of the Hook & Ladder Company N^{o} 3 at Greenwich the Chief Engineer certifying a vacancy

Geo: Smith Public Porter Spring Str^{t} 8th W. vice W^{m} Welling resig^{d}

A Return was rec'd from the Police Office stating that Capt. Snow Had reported that he had suspended Selick Waterbury one of his Watchmen for neglect of duty—Which was referred to the Watch Committee

A Report was received from the Trustees of the African Free School stating that the interest of [270] the fund of the Institution was appropriated to its use & that there were at present 120 Children educated in the School.

Ordered that the same be filed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the New York Free School Reported

That a considerable sum of money has been expended by the memorialists in repairing & fitting up the Old Arsenal for the

reception & accommodation of the school; that in the appropriation of their funds to this object, every attention appears to have been paid to œconomy & a faithful application of their means, consistent with due regard to beauty of architecture and convenient distribution of apartments: that their resources are now exhausted and the building unfinished; that they are reduced to the necessity of asking assistance from the liberality of this Board, or of seeing the work entirely suspended: that the sum of $1500 would enable them to complete the building and the rent of the lower part of the House added to the annual allowance of the Legislature will defray all future expences of the school.

Under these circumstances, the Committee impressed with a high sense of the usefulness of the free school institution, & feeling it incumbent on the Common Council as Guardians of the poor and unprotected to extend its patronage so far as to enable the Memorialists to complete their building, recommend that they be authorized [271] to borrow the sum of $1500. for the purpose of completing the School House, & that this Board will guarantee the payment of said sum, within Seven Years, with legal interest annually

August 28th 1809. (Signed) Jacob Mott
Nichs Fish
Jasper Ward.

Ordered that the same be confirmed

The Committee to whom was referred the *Application of Abraham Cannon to be permitted to transfer his Lease of the Ferry at Corlaers Hook to Mr John Gardner, reported that in their opinion leave should be given to make the transfer—Which was confirmed.

The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Essex Street praying that said Street might be regulated between Grand & Delancey Streets reported that in their opinion the prayer of the Petition should be forthwith complied with, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance accordingly

Which was agreed to.

The Attorney of the Board to whom had been committed the †Petition of James Farrell praying remission of a fine for selling cloathing opposite to No 159 front Street & of John Rosback praying remission of a penalty recovered against him for suffering a Nuisance on his premisses reported on the former case that in his opinion the fine

* Marginal note reads *236.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *259.*—Ed.

should be remitted & in the latter case that one half of the Penalty should be remitted to the Petitioner

Which several reports were confirmed.

[272] The Committee to whom had been referred the Communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House made a report, which together with said communication was referred to a Committee consisting of Aldermen Bingham Mesier Messrs Jno Drake Torbert Douglass Hegeman Mulligan

A Report was rec'd from the City Inspector's Department recommending that Fourth Street should be regulated from Division Street to Pump St[t] which was approved & an Ordinance passed therefor, & Benj[n] Thurston Ebenezer Clark Abraham Van Gelder, Robert Seaman & John Pell were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from No 5065. to 5078 which were severally passed.

The Comptroller presented a Deed from the Corporation to John Lawrence & Richard Riker for Lot No 205 part of the Common Lands And a Lease to Thomas Magrath for a Ferry at Manhattanville for ten years from the first day of May 1808, which were ordered to pass on being approved of by the Council of the Board.

The Comptroller also reported a Lease to Andrew I. M[c]Laughlin for the Flag Staff at [273] the Battery, which was referred for further consideration to The Recorder M[r] Hegeman & M[r] Mulligan

The Comptroller also presented the following Report on the *Petition of Peter Costleyou which had been referred to him

The Comptroller respectfully Reports on the petition of Peter Costleyou, requesting to compromise with the Corporation for Quit Rents on a Water Lot Grant at Whitehall Street.

At a former meeting of the Board, the Subscriber had the honor to state verbally his opinion as to the impolicy and highly injurious consequences which would arise to the revenue by commuting for Quit Rents. He is still of opinion that it would be dangerous to establish a precedent, attended with many objections, all affecting the fiscal resourses of the Corporation. However desirous it might be to extinguish a number of annual payments inconsiderable in amount when taken separately; and notwithstanding the plausibility of the suggestion of vesting the amount commuted in other real estate, which would create an annual interest, yet it is apprehended from a minute investigation of the various advantages and evils attendant on a modification of the revenue system in this respect, that the latter would greatly pre-

* Marginal note reads *260.*—ED.

ponderate & far surpass any essential benefit to be derived from a change.

Under these considerations it is respectfully recommended, that no infringement should be made at present on Grants for Water Lots, & consequently [274] that the request of the Petitioner cannot be complied with.

Respectfully submitted

Aug^{t} 28. 1809 (Signed) G. N. Bleecker Compt^{r}

Which Report was confirmed

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving Jay Street from Washington to West Street which was passed & W^{m} Hilyer George Cleland, Benjamin Romaine Gideon Tucker & John Mors jun^{r} were appointed Assessors.

He also presented Ordinances for laying Walks & Curb Stone on Water Street on the north side of Cherry Street from Montgomery Street to Corlaers Hook & for laying Walks & Curb on the north side of Cherry street from Rutgers to Gouverneurs Street, which were passed & Thomas Timpson James M^{c}Master, James Dobbin, Dennis M^{c}Carty & Benjamin North were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordin^{e} for carrying out a Pier on the East side of Beekman Slip which was agreed to—and the ordin^{e} passed on the 31st July last was rescinded.

A Communication from the Street Commissio^{r} on the subject of Canal Street was received and referred to Alderman Mott Mess^{rs} Torbert & Mulligan

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report accompained by a Map designating the Ground of the Corporation taken in by M^{r} Fisher

[275] " The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent to the Board that when the Jury were impannelled & sworn in the case of opening Collect Street he took the liberty of representing to the Court, that all the ground included in the summons to Leonard Fisher did not belong to him according to the appearance upon the Maps of the Collect, but that some part of it required for the Streets as well as other grounds that M^{r} Fisher has lately inclosed in fence belongs to the Corporation—The Street Commissioner is sorry to say that the Court would not at that time take notice of the subject—stating that the Corporation were committed by the description in the Summons; & consequently that all the ground required for Collect Street which M^{r} Fisher had in his enclosure was valued as his property.

The Undersigned desirous of promoting Justice as well in favor of the Corporation as an individual caused a survey to be made agreably to the Deed of Mr Fisher (which he would never shew until compelled by the Court) & finds that his opinions of Mr Fishers trenching upon the Grounds belonging to the Corporation are well founded.

The Board are no doubt well convinced of the propensity of Individuals to trench upon Public grounds, & as Mr Fishers enclosure is of a few years date, they will judge of the propriety of directing legal measures to be pursued to compel him to render justice.

Augt 28. 1809 (Sd) John S. Hunn

[276] Ordered that the same be referred to Messrs Douglass Campbell Mulligan

The Street Commissioner presented a Report stating that Mr William Lawrence had enclosed by a fence part of Dover Street, & that it was necessary for the Board to determine the width of Dover Street Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward & St Comssr

The Street Commissioner presented a Report recommending to the Board to unite with Mr John R. Livingston in making Goerck Street

Ordered that the same be referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 10th & 7th Wards & St Commissioner

The Street Commissioner presented an account of James Cheetham for printing—Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Fish Mott & Mr Mulligan

The Street Commissioner recommended that a Warrant be directed to issue to *Halsey and Westervelt for Dollars 1350. on account of middle Pier at Peck Slip—Ordered that the Warrant issue

Alderman Bingham was at his request discharged from the committee on the †remonstrance of Walter Bowne against the Assessment for opening Frankfort Street & Mr John Drake was substituted in his place.

An application was rec'd from John Mowatt for permission to build a vault opposite his house [277] in Pine Street which was granted under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

Ordered that the Comptroller be directed to furnish to Whitehead Fish Esqr Treasurer of the Board a new Sett of Account Books.

Resolved that the President & Directors of the Manhattan Com-

* Marginal note reads *255*.—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *260*.—Ed.

pany be informed that this Board will pay to them Interest on all sums of money not exceeding the sum of Thirty thousand Dollars that may be advanced by them on Warrants of this Board beyond the Cash Account of their Treasurer with said Company.

Resolved that no person be allowed to keep a Lime House in any of the Public Streets of this City longer than three months—and that no lime house be permitted to remain in any Street between the first day of November and the first day of April in any year under the penalty of Twenty five Dollars for every twenty four hours it shall so remain

Ordered that the Mayor issue Warrants to pay.

N° 561	B. Skaats & Assists & Expences	122.18
562	J. De Clew Inspector of Bread balce 1 Qr	85.60
563	Saml Stilwell Surveying for St Comssr	82.67
564	Jno Richardson digging a Well	55.50
565	R L De Groot repairs to Mud Machine	103.67
566	Do Do floating Engine	259.13
567	J. H. Sickles for Building Committee	3000. 0
568	Halsey & Westervelt a/c middle pier Peck Slip	1350. 0
		5058.75

Adjourned to meet at City Hall on Monday Next at 10 'OClock

[278] In Common Council Septr 4. 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Benjn Haight	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Adrian Hegeman	
James Drake		Thomas J. Campbell	
John Bingham		Isaac Douglass	
Nicholas Fish		Samuel Torbert	
		Jasper Ward	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Petition was rec'd from John Rospack praying further remission of the *residue of the fine recovered against him—which was referred to the Attorney of the Board

A further Petition was rec'd from †Edward West praying the Board would reconsider their determination of not remitting the fine incurred by him—Ordered that the same lie on the table

* Marginal note reads *271*.—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *176* [175].—Ed.

A Petition was rec'd from the Inhabitants of Spring Street praying that certain sunken lots may be filled up was referred to Aldermen Wood Bingham & M^r^ Ward.

A Complaint was rec'd from Charles Brennysen that a house in Warren St^t^ [279] next door from the corner of Broadway was occupied every night by lads & others to the annoyance of the neighborhood—Ordered that it be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5^th^ Ward & Superintendant of Repairs.

A letter was rec'd from John Remsen stating that he was about to build two stores in South Street & praying that a Committee be appointed with authority to ascertain the exact line of the Street.

Ordered that a Committee consisting of Mess^s^ Douglass Ward & Haight be authorized to ascertain the line as requested

An application was rec'd from John S Roulet & others in behalf of John Chaviteau a french Emigrant from the Island of Cuba Ordered that the same be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House with authority to grant such relief as they shall judge expedient.

The Committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of Walter Bowne against the *Assessment of Frankfort Street Reported that in their opinion the Assessment on Frankfort Street should be confirmed

A further Remonstrance was rec'd from Walter Bowne on the same subject & praying to be heard by Council—Whereupon Resolved that the Report of the Committee be agreed to [280] that the Assessment on Frankfort Street be confirmed & that Henry Van Pelt be appointed Collector.

The Committee to whom was referred the several †petitions & remonstrances respecting the foot walks in the Bowery Reported

That they on reflection are of opinion, an Arch of a Cord so long as would be requisite, should the foot walk be only sixteen feet would produce to the neighborhood an inconvenience arising from the dust and snow being constantly blown off the crown of the arch on the foot walk—Also that as we have a standing Ordinance regulating this subject, & as the street is now about to be permanently regulated, we can see no reason why the principles of that Ordinance should not in the present case apply

Peter Mesier
Sept. 4. 1809 (S^d^) John Bingham
Benj^n^ Haight.

Which Report was confirmed.

* Marginal note reads *238*.—ED.
† Marginal note reads *260*.—ED.

[122] In Common Council May 29th 1809.

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Samuel M Hopkins James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Nicholas Fish Mangle Minthorne	Esquires Aldermen	John Slidell John W. Mulligan Benjamin Haight Adrian Hegeman Thomas J. Campbell Isaac S. Douglass John Drake

Esquires Assistants.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Letter was received from James Hook returning his thanks to the Board for their liberality in allowing to him the amount of a Verdict recovered against him on account of a persons accidentally falling into an area dug by him, and enclosing to the Board the sum of fifty dollars which had been remitted to him on account of the great expences he had been at in the said suit; Ordered that the said sum be paid to the Chamberlain.

A Petition from Alexander Jeroleman who [123] holds the Stand No 3 in Greenwich Market and of John Stumler who holds No 12 in Hudson market requesting permission to exchange Stalls, and

A Petition from Joseph Skillman to be permitted to have a Butchers stand at Greenwich were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was received from Leah Day praying permission to mortgage to Matthew Reed for twenty seven hundred and twenty five dollars Lot No 16 in Chatham Street, which she holds upon lease from this Board, and on motion Resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted.

A Petition from P. & Geo. Lorillard was read stating that they held by Lease from this Board Lot No four Chatham Street, that they had purchased the Leases of Lots No 30. 31. 32. that for the latter they requested to be accepted as Tenants and for the whole requested an extension of the term for which they had been leased

On motion said petition was referred to Aldermen Drake Bingham & Mr Douglass.

A Petition from Nicholas G. Carmer praying to be re-appointed a Weigh-master was read, and On motion Resolved that the petition be granted.

A Petition from Josiah Ward praying for an appointment to some office, and

*A Memorial from sundry persons recommending Jeremiah Marshall and Thomas Brown [124] to be appointed Measurers of lumber were read and referred to the Committee upon applications.

A Letter from Daniel Phœnix Chamberlain of the City, praying for the reasons therein stated an increase of salary was read and referred to Aldermen Fish [&] Bingham & Mr Hegeman.

A Letter from I. A. Van Hook Esqr enclosing a Copy of the Costs in the Suits of the Corporation against Comfort Sands and Daughter, in which, by a misdescription of the premisses a nonsuit was suffered was read and referred to the Council of the Board.

A Memorial from Benjamin Ferris Esquire stating that on a Warrant which he received from the City Treasurer he had collected from John Striker Collector of the third ward Drs 2869 12/100 the arrearages of taxes unpaid by him, that he had paid the same over to the City Treasurer, without deducting his fees thereon which amounted to $143.45/100 & praying that the same might be ordered to be paid him was read & referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition from sundry persons confined on the Limits in this City stating that they understand the Limits are to be extended, and praying that they may be so laid out as to include the Bear market the Brick Presbyterian Church, and the Pier at the bottom of Murray Street was read and referred to Aldermen Fish & Bingham

A Petition from Lewis Moore praying that the Manure Boats might be removed from Beekman slip as they occupied the whole of the same, or that the Corporation would unite with him in running out [125] a Pier at said Slip was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition was received from Henry A. & John G. Coster and others praying that a Pier might be directed to be run out on the East side of the Old Slip to extend two hundred & fifty feet into the river— Whereupon it was Resolved that the said Pier be run out and also that Two Piers be sunk at Peck Slip, one on the South or West side, the other to be constructed with the bulk head on the East side to extend two hundred & fifty feet into the river

And that there be sunk two piers between Fly Market and Burling Slip

That the abovementioned Piers be sunk under the usual directions of this Board, provided that the Proprietors of each comply with the act of the Legislature in such case made, and that they loan to this

* Marginal note reads *p. 105. 87.*—ED.

inspected the Books of the City Treasurer, do report, That there has been received from the different sources of Revenue since the last settlement Seventy seven thousand seven Hundred & forty six dollars and eighty Cents which with the balance of Thirty thousand Eight hundred & two $^{60}/_{100}$ Dollars due on the last settlement amounts to one hundred and eight thousand five hundred & forty nine $^{40}/_{100}$ Dollars. That there has been paid out by orders from the Common Council Seventy five thousand nine hundred & thirty five $^{87}/_{100}$ Dollars which leaves a balance due the Revenue account of Thirty two thousand six hundred & thirteen $^{53}/_{100}$ Dollars carried to New Account

N York Aug^{t} 29. 1809.

Peter Mesier
James Drake

[285] Which was Ordered to be filed with the Comptroller

Dr The Corporation of the City of New York in Acct Curr^t with Dan^l Phœnix City Treasurer Cr

1809 Aug^t 17	To Cash p^d for Docks & Slips..	23'746	..	1808 Sep. 29	By Bal^ce p^r a/c rend^d		30,802	60½
	" D^o .....City Hall.....	39'199	41	1809 Aug. 17	" Am^t Revenue &c^a Viz.....			
	" D^o .....Collect.....	396	1		Street Manure.....	750 ..		
	" D^o .....Markets.....	10	..		House Rent.....	646.50		
	" D^o .....Bonds & Int^t.....	11'495	95		Tavern Licenses.....	6431.24		
	" D^o .....City Contingencies	1'088	50		Market fees.....	2245.24		
	" Balance due Revenue.....	32'613	53½		Dividends.....	13000...		
					Ferry Rent.....	5816.		
					Water Lots.....	4894.43		
					Ground Rent.....	9493.58		
					Com^n Lands	3617.55		
					Docks & Slips.....	30852.50	77,746	80
	Dr^s	108'549	40½				108'549	40½

New York Aug^st 17. 1809.
E. Ex^d
(Signed.) Dan^l Phœnix
City Treasurer

[286] Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay.

No 569	Cap.	N. Lawrence City Watch	276.36
570	"	Wm Van Wart	276.36
571	"	Wm Peterson	272.16
572	"	Jas Snow	270.76
573	"	Thos Darling	276.36
574	"	Isaac Anderson	276.36
575	"	R. Graves for self Assts & Bell Carts	338.75
576	"	James Hardie Saly to 1 Sept	62.50
577	"	Mott Hicks Do	54.
578	"	Andw Otterson Do	54.
579	"	E. Moran Do	54.
580	"	P. H. Wendover Sundries for Convicts	111.51
581	"	Wm P. Roome Saly Keeper Potters fd	31.
582	"	Lewis Jones Printing Bonds for Comptr	4.
583	"	Jno McKenzie fillg round Hudson Market	21.
584	"	Jas Drake, E. Tylees a/c repairs Pumps	131.23
585	"	O Neil & Lee New Well Charlotte & Bedlow Stt	30.
586	"	S. B. Waldron Overseer of Roads to 1 Septr	351.
			$2891.87

[287] In Common Council Septr 11th 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Aldermen	Assistants.
Saml M. Hopkins	John W. Mulligan
Charles Dickinson	Benjn Haight
James Drake	Thos J. Campbell
John Bingham	Isaac S. Douglass
Thurston Wood	Adrian Hegeman
Nicholas Fish	John Drake.
Mangle Minthorne	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Petition was rec'd from sundry Inhabitants of the 4th Ward complaining that James Farrell & Dunna & Co Auctioneers sold goods at auction at the New Slip contrary to the Ordinances of this Board —Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition was rec'd from Charles McCarthy & others owners of lots in Water Street east of Mr Byvancks at Corlaers Hook stating that they were informed that an *Ordinance had passed for laying the Curb Stone & partly paving that part of Water Street & praying that previous to such pavement that the said Street may be permanently regulated Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistt of

* Marginal note reads *274*.—Ed.

the Ward & St[t] Commissioner with au- [288] thority to comply with the prayer of the Petition.

A Memorial was rec'd from Peter P. Van Zandt praying that a Committee might be appointed to regulate the Road adjacent to his land & Hamilton Square—Ordered that the same be referred to the Road Committee & the Attorney of the Board

A Petition was rec'd from Ja[s] Milliet praying that the opening of North Street might be Suspended two months, as it would greatly injure some improved grounds belonging to him thro' which the Street is to pass

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & St[t] Commissioner.

A Petition was rec'd from John Valentine praying to be permitted to relinquish Stall N[o] 32 in Hudson Market to Corn[s] Vandenburgh Ordered that the same be referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial from the Butchers of Catharine Market was rec'd complaining of Meat being sold by persons in other places than the Public Markets—Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board with orders to prosecute such as offend in the premises.

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N[o] 7 praying for a new fire engine House was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition was rec'd from the Trustees of the African Free School, requesting that [289] as the School House now occupied by the New York Free School will soon be vacant that it may then be applied to their use. Resolved that the said application be referred to Aldermen Hopkins Bingham & M[r] Haight

The Superintendant of Repairs communicated to the Board that he was informed that the Ground at present occupied by the Flag Staff at the Battery would probably be used by the United States on the completion of the works now erecting near that place—Whereupon Resolved that the said representation be referred to the following Committee with authority for them to select a scite whereon to erect a Flag Staff on the Battery The Committee were Ald[n] Fish Mess[rs] Mulligan & Campbell.

A Petition was rec'd from Simon V[n] Antwerp stating that he was a purchaser at the Sales of the Inclenburg Lots, that as the Corporation had neglected opening the roads which by Contract he understood they were bound to do, he had from that circumstance sustained considerable injury, and as no Conveyance had been made to him of the ground, he prayed that the purchase money which he had paid might

be returned to him. Ordered that it be referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition was rec'd from John Lovett praying that further time might be given him for making Goerck Street than that mentioned [290] in the Ordinance lately passed on that subject Ordered that the same be referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 10th & 7th Wards.

A Petition was rec'd from John Littel stating that he was the owner of a Lot in Columbia Street, that he understood said Street was objected to on the part of the Board & praying that he might be permitted to build on said Street or that the value of his lot might be paid to him, which was referred to the Alderman & Assistt of the 8th Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition was rec'd from the owners & occupants of Hudson Square praying that the said Square might be regulated & the Curb stone laid around the fence—Ordered that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance in conformity to the prayer of the Petition

A Petition from George McKerig stating that *that* he was proprietor of a lot in Pearl near Oak Street on which he wished to build & praying that the line of his lot might be ascertained

Resolved that the same be referred to the Aldermn & Assistt of the 4th Ward & St Commissioner with authority to comply with the prayer of the Petition.

The Committee to whom had been referred the subject of opening the roads through the Inclenbergh Lots presented the following Report

"The Committee to whom was referred a Communication from the Committee of Finance [291] on the subject of the Inclenbergh Lots, Report that on the 25th day of March 1806 said lots were sold at auction to the highest bidder reserving to the Corporation an annual rent of twenty bushels of wheat on each lot. That 25 P Cent of the purchase money was to have been paid down & the residue in two equal payments of six & twelve months with interest at six P Cent. of all which about one half has been received; that at the time of Sale a Map or Diagram of the property was exhibited on which were pourtrayed certain Streets or Avenues communicating with said lots & without which, no access could be had thereto; said Streets and avenues passing also through the grounds of several individuals; that in pursuance of an implied stipulation on the part of this Board to open said Roads, a Jury was duly impannelled & returned and did proceed to value the ground so to be used as one of said streets or roads Viz:

the Albany Avenue, and made return of their Verdict to the Mayors Court, which said Court accepted and approved the same, but which has never been confirmed or acted upon by this Board—That the delinquent purchasers avail themselves of the want of access to their lots alledging that as a non performance of the conditions of sale on the part of the Corporation & thereby excusing themselves for non-payment of the purchase money—Under all the circumstances of the case the Committee recommend [292] that the verdict of the Jury be confirmed by this Board & an Ordinance passed for carrying the same into effect; which Ordinance is herewith presented.

All which is respectfully submitted

Nich^{s} Fish
John Bingham
Cha^{s} Dickinson
Ja^{s} Drake

Sept^{r} 11. 1809. (S^{d})

Whereupon the Ordinance for opening Albany Avenue therein proposed was passed & John H. Sickles, Caleb Pell, Jacob Drake, Abraham Brevoort & Elbert Kipp were appointed Assessors.

The Committee to whom had been referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of Spring Street praying that certain sunken lots might be filled in reported*

The Committee to whom the Petition of Joseph Conklin was referred reported & their Report was directed to be referred to the following Committee with directions to report a Statement of facts The Committee were Ald^{n} Drake Bingham & Hopkins

[293] Aldermen Fish & Bingham from the Committee to whom it had been referred to procure from Augustus Van Courtlandt Esq^{r} a cession of a certain piece of land reported verbally that they had performed the duty assigned to them and they presented to the Board two Deeds of Release, the one executed by Augustus Van Courtlandt, & the other by Augustus V^{n} Courtlandt as Executor of Frederick Van Courtlandt deceased dated 9th September 1809 releasing forever to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York "All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situate lying & being in the sixth Ward of the said City of New York being bounded & described as follows viz On the West by Broadway on the North by Ground belonging to John Jay Esq^{r} on the East by ground formerly belonging to the Widow Barclay and Southerly by ground formerly belonging to me the said Augustus Van Courtlandt containing one acre and three quarters"

* Part of the page is left blank here, and no report follows.—ED.

Whereupon Ordered that the Clerk of the Common Council procure the same to be acknowledged & recorded.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of Ebenezer Clark respecting the course of Leonard Street reported that in their opinion it was inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petition—Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John R. Murray & others praying that Washington Street might be opened [294] from Provost to North Moore Street & from Provost to Jay Street Reported that in their opinion the said Street ought to be opened and that the Street Commissioner be directed to treat with the proprietors of the ground required for that purpose—Which Report was confirmed.

The Comptroller presented a Grant for a Water Lot to John Gardner at Corlaers Hook between Grand & Broome Streets opposite the property of the said Gardner which was ordered to pass on being examined by the Council of the Board

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the correction of sundry Nuisances from N° 5087 to 5107 which were ordered to pass.

A Request was received from the Superintendant of the Alms House for the payment of the Balance reported to be due at the end of the last quarter Ordered that the same lie over for further consideration.

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 14

John Duval—Cartman, Rynder St^{t} 6th Ward,
V. Jn° Vanderbeck res^{d}

N° 3.

Nath^{l} Cooper Tailor, 171 Greenwich St^{t} Ja^{s} Jennings d°

N° 28.

Will^{m} Stratton Grocer Broadway 8th W^{d} v. Rob^{t} Thompson d°

The Street Commissioner agreably to the reports of the Committees presented drafts of Ordinances for regulating †North Street from Bowery to First Street and ‡Essex Street from Grand to Delancey Streets which were passed & Jonathan Pinckney, Napthali Phillips,

* Marginal note reads *172.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *268.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *271.*—ED.

Robert Seaman, John Vreeland, & Samuel Delaplaine were appointed Assessors.

[295] The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for paving White Street which was confirmed and Jonathan Delavan appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for repairing the main sewer in Roosevelt Street which was passed and Eldad Holmes, Simeon Skellin, Benj^{n} Jessup, Peter Hegeman & David Stebbins were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented a report on M^{r} Barrows request for working Greenwich Street which was referred to the Road Committee with authority to direct the same if they judge necessary.

The Street Commissioner reported that the Jury in the case of opening *Walker Street have returned a Verdict in favor of the following persons for the sums opposite their respective names Viz

W^{m} G. Miller, John D. Miller & W^{m} G Miller Jun^{r}	for Ground		$500.
Peter Bogert	for D^{o}		600.
James Bartlett	Do		1200.
George Wragg			900.
Abraham Child			1500.
Peter Hoffmire	for Ground	1000.	
	for Buildings	1875.	
			2875.
W^{m} J. Waldron	for Ground	2750.	
	& for buildings	1200.	

[296] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving the Center of *Second Street which was confirmed & Henry Van Pelt was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating Cherry Street from Rutgers to Gouverneur Street with a Profile of said Street Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward.

The Street Commissioner recommended that a Warrant issue in favor of †Halsey & Westervelt for D^{rs} 1500 on % of middle pier at Peck Slip Which was ordered.

M^{r} Mulligan presented the following Resolution

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to treat with M^{r} Peter Schermerhorn‡ & M^{r} George Codwise jun^{r} for the purchase by the

* Marginal note reads *201.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *255 276.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *260.*—ED.

Corporation of their respective rights to Wharfage at Beekman Slip & the West Pier thereof which was referred to Messs Mulligan Jn° Drake & Hegeman

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

N° 587	Southwick & Pelsue printing to 4th Sepr	.....	59.
588	J. A. Crolius balce as Inspr Bread 1 Mo	.....	86.27
589	E. Watkeys Candles for City Hall	.....	9.75
590	G. Youle Lead &ca Pump at Whitehall	.....	112.88
591	M. Dikeman Repairs to Pumps 6. 8 & 10 Wards	.....	80.50
592	B. M Vn Beuren 1 Mo: Overseer Roads	.....	327.24
593	Halsey & Westervelt Pier Peck Slip	.....	1500.
			2175.64

[297] In Common Council Septr 18th 1809

Present Jacob Mott Esquire Deputy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John W. Mulligan	Assistants
Saml M. Hopkins		Benjamin Haight	
Charles Dickinson		Adrian Hegeman	
James Drake		Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood		Isaac S. Douglass	
Nicholas Fish		Jasper Ward	
Mangle Minthorne		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was rec'd from the Inhabitants of Clinton Street requesting that more Lamps might be placed in said Street. Ordered that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition was rec'd from John E. West requesting an alteration in the regulation established for paving Broadway which was referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of 5th & 6th Wards & St Commissioner

Petitions were rec'd from Henry Stagg & James Byrne praying to be appointed Weigh-Masters which were referred to the Committee on applications.

A request was rec'd from A. I. McLaughlin praying to be permitted to erect a Booth in the vicinity of the Flag Staff on the Battery during the rebuilding of the same, which was referred to Aldermen Mesier Drake & Hopkins

[298] A Letter was rec'd from John H. Talman in behalf of the Heirs of John Someryndyck decd stating that they had agreed between themselves to cede a Street sixty feet wide from the North River thro' the lands of said Estate to a piece of land owned by the State of New

York and requesting to be informed if in case of such Cession the Corporation would direct it to be worked as a Public Road—Ordered that the same be referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition from John Mason & others praying that a Road might be opened as nearly central as might be from the North to the East River between the four & five miles stone, was, received and referred to the Road Committee

*A Communication was rec'd from John Pintard informing that agreably to the order of the Board he had Indexed the 8. 9. 10 & 11th Volumes of the Common Council Minutes & requesting a Committee might be appointed to ascertain his compensation for the same—Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Mesier, Minthorne & Mr Hegeman.

A Petition was rec'd from the owners & occupants of lots in the vicinity of St James' Slip praying that the same might be enlarged & reffered to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition from sundry Owners & occupants of Lots in Broadway, praying that the order for repaving said Street might be suspended as it respected them, as they were about building new houses on those lots, was referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 1st & 3d Wards

[299] A Petition was rec'd from Elizabeth Bayard stating that her husband, who was a cartman, was lately killed by the running away of his horse & that she and her family were reduced to great distress & praying the assistance of the Board was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Petition was rec'd from E. Burrill & others praying that Hammond Street might be regulated Which was referred to the Aldn & Asst of the 8th Ward & the St Commissioner.

A request that a Lamp might be fixed on the door of the Watch House in Chatham Street, and that more lamps might be placed in Gold Street between John & Fair Streets were severally referred to the Lamp Committee with authority to comply with the same if judged expedient

A Letter was received from Wm Mooney Superintendant of the Alms House exhibiting a Statement of the expenditures of the said establishment from the 1st Augt 1808 to 31st July 1809 & praying that a Warrant might issue to him for payment of the Balance due on last quarter—Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Hopkins, Drake & Mr Hegeman

* Marginal note reads *Vol: 21 page 42.*—ED.

And further Ordered that a Warrant issue to the said Committee for the sum of D^{s} 4000 for payment of such demands as may exist against the said Establishment.

On Motion Resolved also that the said Committee examine the accounts of the said W^{m} Mooney late Superintendant from the time of his first entering into that office to the present day & report thereon to the Board.

[300] A Communication was rec'd from the Attorney of the Board stating that complaint had been made to him against W^{m} W. Gilbert Esq^{r} for an offence against the Act commonly called the Building Act, that the evil complained of had been abated & requesting that a Committee might be appointed to direct him as to the measures which should be pursued.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Aldm^{n} & Assistant of the Ward

A Petition of Zophar R. Jarvis was rec'd praying that a House built by David Dunham on the Broadway which encroached upon the Road might be removed.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Council and Attorney of the Board with directions to take immediate measures for abating the nuisance.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Report of the Street Commissioner on the permanent regulation of Cherry Street Reported

That in their opinion it is out of the power of the Street Commissioner or any other person to make a permanent regulation for Cherry Street until the Common Council determine on the line of the River whether South Street shall extend in front of this portion of said Street or not. The Street Commissioner has been ordered by the Board better than three Years since to have the Soundings taken and a profile made in front of this part of the river which this very street fronts in order that [301] the Common Council might adopt a permanent plan for the margin of the River. The members of the Board or several of them must be acquainted with the situation of this part of our River; the Burl Rock reef runs out in front of this part of the City from four to five hundred feet and at low tide it is nearly bare, & very dangerous to our Coasting vessels, it is believed that this Reef must be covered by a large Pier or be docked over *it* to secure a sufficient depth of water in front of the City. The Soundings and a profile of this part of the River are certainly requisite to be had before the

* Marginal note reads *296*.—ED.

Board can determine on the line of South Street We are therefore of the opinion that the Ordinance as passed for laying the Curb stone & making a gravel walk as requested by the inhabitants ought to be carried into effect immediately. We also recommend that in order to prevent any mistakes arising from a temporary regulation that the Profile as presented be painted on a board and placed up in Cherry Street between Rutgers and Gouverneur Streets, and that the Superintendant of Repairs have the same prepared and put up at some conspicuous place

All which is submitted

Jacob Mott
Samuel Torbert

Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of John Remsen with direction to ascertain & fix the permanent lines of the south side of Front Street between Whitehall Street & Broad Street [302] and the permanent line of South Street, between Whitehall and Broad Street Reported Viz

A straight line from the South corner of Broad Street belonging to Jeremiah H. Pierson & Isaac Pierson N° 23. to the Brick House belonging to John Johnson N° 1. Front Street to be hereafter the permanent line of said Street. And furtheir a straight line drawn from the Corner Store formerly belonging to John Delafield now occupied by Nathaniel Wells being the Corner of South and Broad Streets, to the Corner of John B. Coles' Store corner of Whitehall Street & South Street to be the permanent line of said Street.

Isaac S. Douglass
Sep^r 14. 1809 (S^d) Jasper Ward
Benj^n Haight

Which report was agreed to.

A Report was rec'd from the first Baptist Church in this City stating that they had now twelve poor children who are instructed in the most useful branches of common education & that their support exceeded the interest of the sum granted to them by the School Act passed the 8^th April 1801

Ordered that the said Report be filed.

A Return was rec'd from the Police Office that Capt. Van Wart had displaced Isaac Odell one of his Watchmen for sleeping on his post —that Capt Darling had reported that he had suspended John Joseph for a like offence & that Capt. Snow had reported that he had [303]

* Marginal note reads *278* [279].—ED.

suspended Grant Thomson for same offence. Ordered that the same be referred to the Watch Committee.

The Comptroller on the *Petition of Nicholas Stuyvesant praying for a Water Grant Reported in favor of the Petition. Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Bingham, Minthorne & Dickinson

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Commissioners of the Alms House and the Report of the former Committee on the subject, reported the following Resolution.

Resolved that the office of Superintendant of Alms House be and the same is hereby vacated on the Question whether the Board do agree to the same, a Division having been thereupon called it passed in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative			Negative
Aldermen Mesier	Messrs Mulligan		Aldn Minthorne.
Hopkins	Haight		
Dickinson	Hegeman		
Drake	Campbell		
Wood	Douglass		
Fish	Ward		
	Jno Drake		
		13	1

[304] Mr Hegeman then presented the following Resolution "The office of Superintendant of Alms House having been vacated Resolved that the Government of the same is hereby placed under the Commissioners of the Alms House until the further order of this Board"—on the question will the Board agree to the same a Division having been called it passed in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative		Negative	
Aldermn Drake		Aldn Mesier	
Wood		Hopkins	
Minthorne		Dickinson	
Messs Hegeman		Fish	
Campbell		Messs Mulligan	
Ward		Haight	
Jno Drake		Douglass	
	7		7

the Board being equally divided upon the question his honor the Deputy Mayor gave his casting vote in the Affirmative

Alderman Drake then proposed the following Resolution

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take the subject of the

* Marginal note reads *196.*—ED.

Government of the Alms House generally into their consideration & if in their power to report an improved plan for the better government of the same

Which was agreed to & the Committee appointed were Aldⁿ Hopkins, Drake & Mʳ Hegeman

[305] The Market Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of John Valentine for permission to resign Stall N° 32 Hudson Market to Cornelius Vandenburgh Reported in favor of the Petition, which was agreed to.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner be directed to report to the Board at the next meeting the reasons (if any) why Crosby Street has not been opened.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner present a draft of an Ordinance at the next meeting of the Board for regulating Mercer Street from Broome to David Street.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for filling up part of Worster, Greene Laurens & Varick Streets North of Spring Street

Which was passed.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correcting certain Nuisances from N° 5108 to N° 5118 which were passed.

The Attorney of the Board presented the draft of a Grant to J. B. Coles & others for the Piers, between the Exchange & Whitehall Slips.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller

†The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of I. A. McLaughlin respecting the Flag Staff reported that they have viewed the Battery for the purpose of ascertaining a proper scite for a new Flag Staff & building appurtenant & recommend that the same be erected within the scite of the former Bastion near the South point of the Battery—Which [306] Report was agreed to & the following were appointed a Committee to prepare a Plan for the same Aldⁿ Mesier, Drake, Hopkins.

An application was rec'd from Fire Engine Company N° 27. that four men might be added to that Company, Ordered that the same be referred to the Fire Department & to the Committee on the Fire Department.

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* Marginal note reads *288*.—ED.
† Marginal note reads *288* [280].—ED.

Ordered that Warrants issue to pay

594	Nichs Lawrence City Watch	276.36
595	W. Van Wart do	276.36
596	W. Peterson do	276.36
597	J. Snow do	276.36
598	T. Darling do	276.36
599	J. Anderson do	276.36
600	J. P. Roome Supt Repairs to 14th	158.
601	Conrad Jordan attdg Lamp Come	1.
602	J. McKie timber Docks & Slips	95.61
603	do Lamp Posts	39.74
604	do Co Contgy	17.60
605	B. Hoghland Work to Engine Ho: No 13	87.21
606	T. Foote do 13 & 14	260. 3
607	Meghan & Scott paving	12.
608	A Loss surveying &ca	86.
609	Halsey & Westervelt, a/c pier Peck Slip	1000.
610	S. M. Hopkins Come Alms House	4000.
611	J. H. Sickles, Buildg Come	3000.
		$10,415.35

[307] In Common Council Sepr 25th 1809

Present. DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Dy Mayor.

Saml M. Hopkins Charles Dickinson James Drake John Bingham Thurston Wood Nichs Fish Mangle Minthorne	Esqrs Aldermen	John W. Mulligan Benjn Haight A. Hegeman T. J. Campbell I. S. Douglass S. Torbert Jasper Ward Jno Drake	Esqrs Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition was read from sundry inhabitants of Grand Street stating that it will require considerable labor & expense to remove the earth in said Street before it can be regulated agreably to the surveyors plan that they believe a person will undertake it if the earth & stones to be removed are given to him & praying that the Corporation will authorize such a Contract to be made.

A Communication on the same subject was also received from Marinus Willett requesting to be permitted to remove the Earth in front of his lots on said Street—Ordered that the said communications

be referred to the Alderm^{n} & Assistants of the 7th & 10th Wards & St^{t} Commissioners.

[308] A Petition was rec'd from Cha^{s} Kohler, stating that he was erecting a House in the Bowery & praying to be permitted to continue his Lime House in the Street for about fifteen days longer—Ordered that his request be granted.

A Petition was rec'd from L. Heyer praying that the subject of his former petition asking a remission of rent might be now taken up and considered by the Common Council—Ordered that the same be referred to the *Committee appointed on his former Petition Viz Alderm^{n} Mott Mess^{rs} Hegeman & Torbert

A Petition was rec'd from Henry Ehrnfrits praying a License as a Butcher to be assigned to N^{o} 2. Grand Street Market now occupied by John A. Bazley who is willing to relinquish the same—Which was referred to y^{e} Market Committee.

Petitions were rec'd from Joseph Strong for permission to build to a vault in Chamber Street opposite his lot, from John Greene for a like permission in the same Street & for a like permission in front of N^{o} 62 Stone Street which were severally granted under the direction of the Aldermen & Assistants of the respective Wards & the Street Commissioner.

A Communication was rec'd from John Pintard recommending to the Board that the Crossing Stones which had been placed lately in several of the Streets should be put under [309] the care of the Superintendant of Repairs & also suggesting the propriety of prohibiting the passing of carriages by churches on the Sabbath during the time of divine service was referred to Aldermen Hopkins Mott & M^{r} Torbert

A Communication was also rec'd from Robert Fulton on the subject of supplying the City with a sufficient quantity of pure Water & also on the enforcing of the laws for keeping the Streets clean & free from obstruction which was also referred to the same Committee.

A Petition was rec'd from the Master Chimney Sweepers praying that the Sweeps may be prohibited from crying in the Streets which was also referred to the same Committee

A Petition was rec'd from the Inhabitants of Walker Street praying that the House of W^{m} J. Waldron in said Street might be purchased for a Watch & Engine House, Ordered that the same be referred to the Watch Committee

* Marginal note reads *Vol. 19. 410.*—ED.

A Petition was rec'd from Chas Christian & others praying that a Gore of land bounded East by Orange, South West by Elm, North by Spring & South by Broome Street might be purchased & enclosed for a Public Square—Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

A Petition was rec'd from Saml Armstrong stating that he had been lately convicted on an [310] *an* Indictment for keeping a disorderly house and fined $900—for which he had rec'd a pardon from his Excellency the Governor on condition of paying Ds 100—which with the assistance of his friends he had complied with, that upon his liberation from the above suit, he had been surrendered by his bail in a suit upon a recognizance for a Tavern license on which he was now confined, that he had already suffered an imprisonment of six months and was in ill health & he therefore prayed to be discharged from said Suit Whereupon it was resolved that the said Samuel Armstrong be released upon payment of Costs and executing a Bond to the Corporation for the amount of his recognizance.

A further Memorial was rec'd from Walter Bowne on the subject of the Assessment for opening Frankfort Street—Ordered that the same lie on the table.

A Petition was rec'd from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Stanton & Pitt Street praying that a sunken lot in land owned by P. Ogilvie may be ordered to be filled up Ordered that the Street Comssr be directed to prepare an ordinance agreeably to the prayer of the Petition.

A Petition was rec'd from the inhabitants of Thomas Street praying that a Well might be sunk at some distance from the Hospital. Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward with authority to grant the prayer under the usual conditions

[311] A Request was rec'd from John Pintard in behalf of the Historical Society for the loan of certain tables belonging to the Corporation

Ordered that the Superintendant of Repairs loan to said Society such tables as shall not be immediately wanted by the Com: Council.

And further Ordered that the Superintendt make an Inventory of such furniture as is now in the Hall & not in use & Report the same to the Board.

A Communication was rec'd from James Hardie on the subject of certain sunken lots corner of Broadway & Sugar Loaf Street which

had been directed to be filled up. Ordered that the same be referred to the Ald^{n} & Assist^{t} of the 5th Ward.

The Committee of the Alms House to whom had been referred the several applications for the Stewardship of said establishment Reported that they would recommend to that office John A. Haring— Whereupon Resolved that John A. Haring be and he is hereby appointed Steward of the Alms House.

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of John Jackson & William Valleau reported Viz. "The Ferry Committee are of opinion that a Lease should be given to John Jackson & William Valleau for a new ferry at & from the foot of Walnut Street in the seventh Ward across the East River to Jackson Street on Long Island for the Term of Ten Years [312] from the first day of May next, at the annual rent of Fifty Dollars; on the express condition that the above named John Jackson executes to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York within Ninety days from this date a good & sufficient Deed in fee, for a lot of ground contiguous to said ferry on Long Island containing twenty five feet in breadth & one hundred in depth And that the said William Valleau also within the above period gives a good & sufficient Deed in fee, for a lot of Ground contiguous to said ferry at the foot of Walnut Street aforesaid containing Twenty feet in breadth and fifty feet in depth; which said lots of Ground when conveyed shall be & remain forever after for the use of the ferry under the control of the Corporation; And that the said persons shall also build a ferry Stairs at their own expence on each side of the river & keep three Horse Boats and four Row Boats in use during the Lease. And likewise that they shall observe the Conditions contained in Leases given to the other ferries across the East River during the term aforesaid; And that the Street Commissioner & Comptroller be authorized to fix on the scite of the Lots above mentioned & to approve of the same in behalf of the corporation

Sep^{r} 25th 1809 (S^{d})

James Drake
Sam^{l} Torbert
John Bingham
Charles Dickinson"

Which was confirmed

[313] The Road Committee on the *Petitions of John H. Talman in behalf of the Heirs of Someryndyck and of John Mason & others reported that in their opinion it was inexpedient for the Com: Council

* Marginal note reads *298.*—ED.

at present to open the Roads in the said Petitions mentioned and recommended that the same should be referred to the Commissioners of Streets and Roads.

Which Report was agreed to.

A Letter was rec'd from Benj^{n} Egbert resigning his office of Fire Warden, Whereupon Resolved that the same be accepted—and Resolved that Eldad Holmes recommended by W. Egbert be appointed a Fire Warden in his place.

The following person was appointed a fireman the Chief Engineer certifying a corresponding vacancy in N^{o} 25.

W^{m} Roe Merchant Greenwich St^{t} 4th W^{d} v. John Foppel

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of nuisances from N^{o} 5119 to N^{o} 5130. which were passed.

An Account was presented by John Thompson for damages done his trees by the Surveyors in running the line of Albany Avenue Ordered that the same be referred to the Road Committee.

An account from John Riker for work at the Park in George & Lombard Street amounting to £28.19.0 was presented & a Warrant ordered to issue for payment of the same.

The Street Commissioner in obedience to the direction of the Board presented an Ordinance [314] for regulating Mercer Street from Broome to Bleecker Street, which was passed and Jonathan Pinkney, Gilbert Coutant, John Vreeland, George Cleland, & John Stevens were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner having been directed by a Resolution of this Board on the 18th inst, to give the reasons (if any) why Crosby Street has not been opened Reported

" That the regulations of the ground in the vicinity of the upper part of Crosby Street require an outlet for the Water Northwardly as it is impracticable to raise the Ground any higher than the regulating lines upon the profile in order to carry the Water into Canal Street.

Broadway has been reduced ten feet at the intersection of Bleecker Street with a view to carry the said water from Crosby Street through Bleecker Street across Broadway to the Westward as well as to afford an outlet for *for* the Water that would at all events require a discharge immediately from Bleecker Street

These plans were devised under the strong presumption (& there were good reasons for that presumption) that M^{r} Bleecker would cede Bleecker Street from the Bowery to Broadway gratis agreably to a plan he exhibited in the office of the subscriber made by Charles Loss City Surveyor.

This Cession has not yet been made and it has now become questionable whether it [315] will be done without compensation, as several applications have been made to Mr Bleecker by Committees of the Corporation & the Undersigned without the desired effect, And it still remains for the Common Council to determine, whether it will not be more conducive to the public good to abandon the idea of opening Bleecker Street and to carry Crosby & Mulberry Streets into Bond Street, which is less than two hundred feet further northward? and especially as the expence of opening Crosby Street & Mulberry St^{t} added to the expence of opening Bleecker Street would be, more than the adjoining lots could bear & in fact more than they are worth.

The Street Commissioner conceives it highly important that the Board should determine upon these subjects before they proceed legally to open Crosby Street which may commit them to the opening of Bleecker Street; for he sees a disposition prevalent abroad to take every advantage of the Corporation in these matters.

All which is submitted

John S. Hunn

Whereupon on Motion of Mr Ward Resolved that the Street Commissioner treat with Mr A. L. Bleecker for the opening of Bleecker Street from Broadway to Bowery Road.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication stating that an improper practice prevailed in the City of sinking pits in the Streets for the deposit of manure from Stables [316] which required a remedy —Ordered that the same be referred to Alderm^{n} Hopkins, Mott & Mr Torbert

At the request of the Commissioners of the Alms House Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of John H. Sickles for $3000 for the use of the said establishment

The Superintendant of Repairs requested leave of absence from the City for a short time which was granted.

Alderman Drake in consequence of being about to leave town for a short time was excused from serving on the Committee appointed at the last meeting for the examination of the Accounts of the late Superintendant of the Alms House & Alderman Dickinson was put on said Committee in his place.

On motion Resolved that the Committee lately appointed on a *Petition from the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church prayin[g] for the ground, whereon the Building for the Kine Pock

* Marginal note reads *172*.—ED.

Institution stands, for the purpose of a Charity School, be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Ordered that Mr John Mowatt have permission to continue his Lime House in Pine Street under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the 2d Ward.

Ordered that Warrants issue to pay as follows.

	Ward		
[317] Augt Wynkoop & Robt Morris jr Assessors	1st	89	
Gilbert Haight & John Hyslop	2d	80	
Danl Boardman & Harmanus Tallman		100	
P. Bonnett & J. Teller	4th	90	
Amos Corning & Wm Stone	5th	141	50
D. Lyon & J. McMaster	7th	98	
A. Burtis & C. Bleakley	8th	104	
S. Hacker & Jonn Randall jr	9th	97	50
Wm Thurston & Jno Pell	10th	75	
H. Ackerman & Wm Davidson omitted	6th	115	
	Ds	990	
L. Osborn & Wm French 8th Wd Marshalls Sundays		28	
J. Allen & M. Oakley do do		26.	
J. Richardson cleaning Well 7th Wd		8	
ONeil & Lee repg Wells 1. 2. 3. 8. & 10. Wards		127	53
J. H. Sickles for Alms House		3000	
J. Titus Work at Park Geo: & Lombard Sts		72	37
	Dolls	4251	90

[318] In Common Council Oct^{r} 2^{d} 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C. VanWyck Es^{r} Recorder
Jacob Mott Esq^{r} Deputy Mayor

Saml M. Hopkins	Esquires Aldermen	John W. Mulligan	Esquires Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Benjn Haight	
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
John Bingham		Thomas J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood		Isaac S. Douglass	
Nichs Fish		Jasper Ward	
Mangle Minthorne		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A request was made by the Comptroller on behalf of Gerard Walton Assignee of a Bond given by the Corporation to John Murray junr & Robt Bowne for the purchase of the Easterly half of a Pier at

Fly Market, for the interest of said Bond amounting to Drs 420. Ordered that a Warrant issue for payment of the same

A Petition was rec'd from certain proprietors at Corlaers Hook stating that one proprietor refused complying with the directions respecting improvements to be made at said place, & soliciting the intervention of the Board—Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

Petitions were rec'd from Sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Leonard St[t] for & against the removal of the Pump at the Corner of Leonard St[t] & Broadway Ordered that the said Petitions be referred to Mess[s] Haight—Mulligan—Jn[o] Drake & Superintend[t] of Repairs with authority to act in y[e] premises.

[319] A Petition was rec'd from Dan[l] Reynolds praying permission to erect a Butchers Stall in the vicinity of the State prison.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Market Committee

The Memorial of Peter P. Van Zandt on the subject of his right of Wharfage at Burling Slip was rec'd & referred to Ald[n] Fish Drake & Mott

A Petition was rec'd from the Trustees of the Irish Presbyterian Church requesting a Lamp to be placed at their Church in Orange Street & was referred to the Lamp Committee

A Memorial from the Trustees of the Œconomical School praying to have the use of the School-House at present occupied by the Free School Society was read & referred to Ald[n] Hopkins Bingham & M[r] Haight

A Letter was rec'd from M[r] John Aspinwall complaining of extreme negligence & inattention in the Keeper of the Ferry at Hell Gate,

Ordered to be referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition from Owners of lots in Budd Street praying to have said Street paved to Greenwich Street was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward & S[t] Commissioner

A Letter was rec'd from Peter P. Van Zandt praying that Warren Street might be regulated below Washington Street—Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Ass[t] of 5th Ward & S[t] Comss[r].

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips presented the following Communication

"The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips have to [320] represent to the Common Council the precarious situation they are in with respect to enlarging the Public Slips. The Law passed in 1806 by the Legislature authorizing the Common Council to enlarge the Public Slips declares that an affidavitt made before one of the Judges of the

Supreme Court or a Master in Chancery, that they have advertized according to Law & that the proprietors have refused or neglected to comply therewith shall be conclusive evidence in Law and that a Certificate of the oath shall be filed. The Committee have to represent that not a single affidavitt has been made in any case whatever. They now recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to make the Oath as the law directs in every case where the Common Council have passed ordinances for the enlarging of Slips since the passing of the Law by the Legislature authorizing them to do so. The Committee recommend that the Comptroller attend & see that the Oath be taken & duplicate Certificates thereof to be filed in his office & in that of the Clerk of the City & County of New York that if any dispute should arise questioning the authority of the Common Council to take the Waters in p[o]int adjoining the Public Slips; the Law and Certificate may be plead in evidence

Jacob Mott
Signed Sam[l] M. Hopkins
James Drake

Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to take the measures in said Communication advised.

A Report was rec'd from the Police Office that [321] *that* Capt. Van Wart had returned that he had suspended John P. Moss one of his Watchmen for sleeping on his post—Ordered that the same be referred to the Watch Committee

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances from N[o] 5131 to 5144 which were ordered to pass.

An account of John M[c]Kenzie for filling in certain lots corner of Broadway & Sugar Loaf Street was presented amounting to D[rs] 64.

Ordered that a Warrant issue for the payment of the same & that the monies so advanced remain a lien on the said lots agreably to the Law in such Case made & provided.

The Committee to whom was committed the *Communication made to the Board by John Pintard at their last meeting reported—That so much of the said Communication as respects the Cross-Walks deserves the particular attention of the Board & that a Resolution or an Ordinance if necessary ought to be passed accordingly—On the remaining part the Committee are of opinion that the Corporation have no power to take any measures.

Which Report was agreed to.

* Marginal note reads *308*.—ED.

The same Committee to whom had been referred the *Petition of the Master Chimney Sweeps reported that it is not expedient at present to take any measures thereon; Which was agreed to.

The Committee upon the applications of John R. Livingston & others respecting the Bulk-head in Goerck Street Report

That from the difficulty & expense of making the Bulkhead referred to the Committee believe it to be true that the work cannot be finished within the time limited by the former [322] Regulation. They therefore recommend that the time limited for building the said Bulkhead be extended to the first day of August 1810. The Committee are induced to recommend this from a persuasion that the parties concerned are engaged and exerting themselves to finish the work as soon as possible.

(Signed.) Jacob Mott
Mangle Minthorne
John Drake.

Which Report was agreed to.

The Committee to whom had been referred the †Application of the Company established to run Steam Boats between this place & Paules Hook Reported

That from the Insular situation of this City they conceive it the duty of the Corporation to patronize every scheme calculated to facilitate the intercourse with the surrounding Country: And as the insecurity & delay of the present ferry establishment has long been a subject of complaint and as the safety & utility of the Steam Boat project has been so satisfactorily proven, they are induced to recommend some arrangement being immediately formed with these Gentlemen.

As far as the Committee are informed no unwillingness to give a liberal consideration for the Lease exists. The Plan herewith submitted has been scientiffically explained & the Committee are satisfied with the demonstrations given of the utility & entire practicability of the design. But as the expense will unquestionably be considerable & as your Committee are not sufficiently [323] informed of the views of the applicants in the detail they would now recommend appointing a Committee to confer, fix and settle the Covenants, conditions and such other agreements as necessarily appertain to this subject, with such correspondent Committee as may be for this purpose appointed

* Marginal note reads *309*.—ED.
† Marginal note reads *210*.—ED.

by the Company, whose report shall be subject to the Control of this Board

All which is humbly submitted

Sep[r] 22[d] 1809. (Signed) James Drake
Peter Mesier
Cha[s] Dickinson
Sam[l] Torbert

Whereupon Resolved that this Board approve of the said Report & Resolved further that the same Committee be authorized to confer & adjust with a Committee on the part of the said Company the terms of an agreement & Report the same to this Board.

The Street Commissioner agreably to the order of the Board presented a draft of an Ordinance for filling in a sunken lot belonging to P. Ogilvie & also two Ordinances directing 20 feet of the lots on Pitt Street & 20 feet on the north side of Stanton Str[t] from Pitt to Columbia Street to be filled in within 30 days, Which said several Ordinances were passed.

The Committee to whom had been referred the *Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the practise of sinking pits in the streets for the deposit of Stable Manure reported that the practise was improper & that the St[t] Commss[r] should take measures for filling up those made & should for prevention of the same in future present an Ordinance to the Board—Agreed to.

[324] The Street Commissioner recommended that Gilbert Coutant be appointed Assessor for opening Albany Avenue in place of Abraham Brevoort who declines acting & that Charles M[c]Carthy be appointed Assessor for paving Front Street in place of John Seaman who declines, having removed—Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner recommended that $1500 be advanced to Halsey & Westervelt on their Contract for Piers on the West side of Peck Slip

Ordered that a Warrant issue for that sum

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report recommending a Bond & Warrant for $1780 to be issued for piers between Burling Slip & Fly Market

"The Street Commissioner represents to the Board that Walter Allen & Daniel Woolsey have produced certificates from the Inspector of the Piers they are building, that they are worked up to low water, when the first installment becomes due.

* Marginal note reads *315*.—ED.

The Street Commissioner has understood that the proprietors of the Lots between Fly Market Slip & Burling Slip have agreed to advance to the Corporation the money for its proportion of the said piers; And he therefore recommends that a Bond or Bonds be directed to issue to such person or persons as the proprietors may direct for the sum of Seventeen Hundred & Eighty Dollars, being about the amount of the first installment. [325] And that a Warrant be directed to issue on the Treasurer for the same amount as has been done in like cases

All which is respectfully submitted

Oct^{r} 2^{d} 1809. (S^{d}) John S. Hunn

Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented a report respecting the Piers between Beekman & Peck Slip which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

The Street Commissioner presented a report that the pier on East Rutgers Slip was out of Repair & also an Ordinance for repairing the same which was passed.

The St^{t} Comss^{r} presented an Assessment for paving Washington Street from Warren to Reed Street which was confirmed & Jonathan Delavan was appointed Collector.

On Motion Resolved that the Comptroller & Street Commissioner be directed to report a statement of all the monies advanced by the Corporation for Streets & other purposes on acc^{t} of Individuals, and also a statement of the sums so advanced which have & which have not been reimbursed.

The following Resolution was presented Resolved that an additional Watchman be employed & stationed in front of the Theatre during the nights of performance Provided that the Proprietor of the Theatre engage to pay the wages of said Watchman.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Watch Committee.

[326] Resolved that immediate measures be taken to settle the line between M^{r} Varick & the Corporation at the foot of Partition Street in order that the wharf which is in a ruinous state may be repaired & the same was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner

Resolved that the Committee appointed in the case of Lawrence Heyer have authority to give him further time for the payment of rent due to the Corporation, to suspend the sale of the Premises &

generally to make such arrangements on the subject as they shall deem expedient and report the same to this Board.

Resolved that Alderman Bingham be placed on the Watch Committee in the room of Aldⁿ Miller who by reason of indisposition is prevented from attending

Resolved that Nathan McVickar have the indulgence of one week for the completion of the vault which he is digging in front of his lot.

The Comptroller presented a lease from the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York to Thomas MaGrath for a ferry from Manhattanville in the ninth ward of the said City across the Hudson to Jersey shore & back to Manhattanville for the term of ten years from the 1st May 1808 at the rent of 10$ Pr ann: until the year 1813 & at the rate of 25$ pr an: thereafter which having been examined & approved [327] by the Council of the Board it was ordered that the same be executed according to Law.

Ordered that his Honor the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay the following sums.

No 628	N. Lawrence City Watch		276.36
629	W. Van Wart Do		276.36
630	Wm Peterson Do		276.36
631	Jas Snow Do		276.36
632	J. Anderson Do		276.36
633	T. Darling Do		276.36
634	Jas Hardie Saly to 1st inst		62.50
635	R. Graves self & 4 Assts & 3 Bell Carts		326.50
636	Mott Hicks Asst Stt Comssr 1 Mo		52.
637	A. Otterson do		52.
638	E. Moran do		52.
639	W. P. Roome Keeper Pottersfield 1 Mo		30.
640	Saml B. Romaine preparing Tax Books 1809		300.
641	Loss & Corning Surveying & Maps		131.50
642	B. M. Vn Beuren Overseer Roads 1 Mo		333.53
643	S. B. Waldron Do		336.75
645	Jno McKenzie filling up lots Corner of Broadway & Sugar loaf Sts to remain a lien on them		64.
646	G. Walton Esqr Assignee of Bond to Jno Murray Jr & Robt Bowne Int to 25th ulto		420.
		Drs	5318.94
647	Halsey & Westervelt on a/c their Contract for Piers West Side Peck Slip		1500.

[328] In Common Council Oct^{r} 9th 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esq^{r} Deputy Mayor

Sam^{l} M. Hopkins	Esquires Aldermen	John W. Mulligan	Esquires Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Benjamin Haight	
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
John Bingham		Thos J. Campbell	
Thurston Wood		Isaac S. Douglass	
Mangle Minthorne		Sam^{l} Torbert	
		Jasper Ward	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition was rec'd from Margaret Lynch stating that she was the occupant of a small house in Beekman Street and that in consequence of large buildings being erected adjoining her house she was deprived of light in her Garret and praying permission to build two Dormant Windows—Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition was received from Leonard Fisher remonstrating against an order he had received from the Street Commissioner for repaving in front of his Lot Corner of Pearl & William Streets which was referred to the Alderman & Assistants of 4th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition from Andrew I. M^{c}Laughlin stating that by the removal of the Flag Staff from the Battery the improvements which he had made at that place were demolished & praying relief was read and [329] referred to Ald^{n} Wood Drake & M^{r} Mulligan

A Petition from Edward W. Laight & Charles M^{c}Carthy for themselves and others was received stating that a Petition had been lately presented praying that a permanent regulation respecting the level and descent of *Water Street at Corlaers Hook might be ordered; they therefore requested that the Ground might be surveyed and the depths of the River sounded in order that a permanent regulation might be made for that part of the City. Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward.

A Petition was rec'd from Jacob Cholwell praying that payment might be made to him of a Balance due on account for oil furnished —Ordered that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition was rec'd from sundry inhabitants for an additional Lamp in Frankfort Street near Pearl Street and for the removal of

* Marginal note reads *274. 287.*—Ed.

one at the Corner of said Street, which was also referred to the Lamp Committee

A Letter was rec'd from David Marsh requesting to be informed whether North Street was immediately to be carried through from the Bowery to Broadway as had been directed—Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward.

A Petition of Edward W. Laight, for himself and the Brothers and Sister of the said E. Laight *respecting that a Grant might issue to them for land under water opposite their property on the East River beginning at Two hundred & twenty five feet from the Westerly side of Walnut Street & extending Westerly One hundred & twenty five feet—Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward.

A Petition was rec'd from John Weathershire praying the speedy determination of the Board respecting the verdict of a Jury valuing his property to be taken for opening Chamber Street which was referred to the Committee on opening Chamber Street Viz: Aldermen Mott, Drake & Mr Hegeman

A Petition from Jacob McKeag praying remission of fine for selling liquors without a license was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition was rec'd from James Moore stating that one John Long had in 1795 died leaving some effects & that a Mr Rathbone who was indebted to said Long had administered on the Estate and taken his effects; That the Petitioner had advanced money for Long in his sickness & for funeral expences & praying that the Corporation would have justice done him

Ordered that it be referred to the Attorney of the Board.

[331] The Committee to whom was referred the †petition of the Inhabitants of Budd Street praying that said Street might be paved from Greenwich to Hudson Street reported in favor of the Petitioners & that the St Commissioner should be directed to report an Ordinance at the next meeting of the Board for carrying the same into effect.

Which report was agreed to.

The Committee to whom had been referred the ‡Resolution for placing a Watchman at the Theatre reported that in their opinion the Board ought not to take upon themselves the concern of any Institutions but such as are for the public benefit, that they were of opinion that the proprietors by employing the Peace officers as heretofore

* New page not numbered.—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *319*.—Ed.
‡ Marginal note reads *325*.—Ed.

practised may have order as well preserved as by placing a Watchman at the door.

Which Report was agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the *Petition of the Inhabitants of Walker Street respecting a lot of W^m J. Waldrons to be appropriated for an Engine House and Watch House reported "That your Committee find that certain ground was taken for the opening of Walker Street and amongst other grounds a certain piece taken from W. J. Waldron which was considerable more ground than was wanted for the use of the Street, but this ground has been taken, the Jury have appraized it and brought in their verdict, the Committee under these circumstances believe that the Public [332] cannot be obliged to pay for such surplus Ground, but the Committee believes that the ground so taken and not wanted for the Street is a suitable situation for a Watch House and Fire Engine house. The Com^e are therefore of opinion that the Board had better pay for the ground so taken for the use of a watch & fire Engine Houses

All which is submitted"
Thurston Wood
Oct^r 9. 1809. (S^d) John Bingham
Mangle Minthorne"

Which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom had been referred the report of the Comptroller respecting a †Water Grant to Nicholas Stuyvesant reported

"That a Grant should be made to M^r Stuyvesant agreably to the said Report, reserving a Public landing of twenty five feet wide & one hundred feet deep at the Southwest corner of Stuyvesant Street on the East River, which reservation shall be inserted in his Grant and if found necessary hereafter may be applied for the purpose of a Ferry.

John Bingham
Oct^r 9. 1809 (S^d) Mangle Minthorne
Charles Dickinson."

Which Report was agreed to.

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner presented the following Report

"The Subscribers respectfully present to the Board a Grant to John B. Coles and others proprietors of Piers between the Exchange

* Marginal note reads *309*.—ED.
† Marginal note reads *196. 303*.—ED.

and Whitehall Slips. The Grant which was lately laid before the Board by the Attorney was only [333] to Peter Goelet one of the owners; but as it is necessary that all of them should have a title from the Corporation for the proportion which each of them respectively holds, agreably to a Law of this State; a new Conveyance has been drawn by the Attorney of the Board which is herewith presented. In this Conveyance there is a Covenant that the Owners shall uphold the said Piers at their own expense, agreably to the opinion of Mr Harrison the former Counsel of the Board. It is also recommended that the Grant be referred to the Counsel of the Board for his approbation.

Octr 9th 09 (Sd) G. N. Bleecker Comptr.
John S Hunn

Which report was agreed & the Grant referred accordingly

The Attorney of the Board presented a Communication stating the sums which the Jury impannelled for the opening of *Chamber Street had awarded to the Proprietors of Lots which was directed to be referred to Aldermen Mott, Drake & Mr Hegeman

The Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward to whom was referred the †Petition of Ebenezer Clark stating that William Hunter, himself & others were ordered about two years since to make Corlaers Street in front of their respective lots and that all the proprietors had complied therewith Hunter & himself excepted—Reported

That said Clark states as his reason for not [334] complying with the Ordinance as passed for that purpose is, that said Hunter is the proprietor of lots adjoining him the said Clark both to the Southward and Eastward and that the said Hunter refuses to join him in making the said land and Street which prevents him from complying with the said ordinance unless to the great detriment of him the said Clark The Committee have examined the situation of the said lots and are of opinion that it will be best for the Common Council to order William Hunter and Ebenezer Clark to employ an equal number of Cartmen & Carts to fill in the adjoining lots and Street—The Commee have further to inform the Board that said Hunter states to them that he is willing to join him the said Clark as above stated and has frequently offered to do the same.

Which is submitted

(Signed) Jacob Mott
Saml Torbert

Which Report was confirmed

* Marginal note reads *107. 119. 165. 186. 203. 214.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *227.*—Ed.

Alderman Drake from the Committee of Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry persons owners and occupants of Lots and houses at and in the neighbourhood of S[t] James' Slip Reported

That in their opinion Three Piers should be built from Front Street to extend Two Hundred & fifty feet into the East River to be each thirty feet wide according to a plan herewith [presented] And that the Street Commissioner be authorized to advertize the same according to law.

James Drake
Sep[r] 27. 1809 (Signed) Jacob Mott
Sam[l] M. Hopkins

[335] Which Report was agreed to and it was further Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause a complete survey and Map of the Premisses to be made & to have the same recorded.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report on the subject of the Sale of the Collect lots* "That they have prepared a Map of said Lots, which they now present to the Board for their approbation. It is recommended that the Sale Commence on Wednesday the first day of November next at the hour of twelve at the City Hall under the direction of a Special Committee to be appointed by the Board for that purpose. That notice be given in all the Newspapers till the time of Sale, and for greater publicity that one thousand handbills be printed & distributed in different parts of the City.

The Committee also respectfully recommend the following Conditions of Sale—Viz[t]

1[st] The Lots as designated on the Map shall be set up at Auction separately, and struck off to the highest bidder

2 Each purchaser shall pay one third of the purchase money by approved endorsed note at thirty days one third at the end of six months and the other third at the end of twelve Months from the day of Sale with interest on each payment at the rate of seven Per Cent Per annum.

3 As soon as the purchase money is fully paid the purchasers shall receive Deeds for the Lots which they have respectively bought conveying the same to them in fee simple, but subject to [336] a perpetual ground rent payable annually on the first Monday in May in Specie at the value on that day of as many bushels of good merchantable wheat as are designated on each lot the price to be ascertained

* Marginal note reads *242*.—ED.

and fixed by the Corporation from the Certificates of at least three respectable Flour Merchants. The first payment of Rent to be in May 1811.

4 That the Deeds for said Lots shall contain sufficient Covenants for the title of the Venders and that the same are respectively free from incumbrances. And on the other hand they shall contain a clause of re-entry, if the rent be behind and unpaid, above twelve months whether it has been demanded or not.

5. The City Treasurer shall give receipts for all monies paid by the purchasers, and the Deeds shall be retained by the Corporation till the last payment is made; & if any purchaser should prefer paying the whole of the purchase money immediately, the Deed will be delivered forthwith

6 Printed Conditions of Sale should be prepared under the direction of the Committee, and an acknowledgement subscribed by the purchasers when the lots are sold, for the due performance of the terms of sale

7 The Committee to have power to make such further regulations respecting the disposal of the lots as they may judge best

John Bingham
James Drake
Octr 9th 1809 (Sd) Thos J. Campbell
Samuel Torbert
Jasper Ward

[337] Whereupon Resolved that the said Report be confirmed and that the same Committee superintend the sale of said Lots.

Resolved further that the same Committee select such of the Lots as are reserved and which they shall judge suitable for the *Economical and the *African Schools & report the same to this Board.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies.

Company No 4.

Michael Schoonmaker Mercht No 59 Wall St 1s W. P. Morison decld

No 18

Jonn Shepperd Ship Chandler No 294 Pearl St 5th Gerds Burger

No 23

Eli White Carpenter 179 Duane St 5th v Richd Earl resd

* Marginal note reads *288. 319.*—Ed.

N° 26

John Carpenter Ship Wright 152 Bedlow St 7th R. Furlong resd
Edward Jones Brewer Bedlow Stt " John Michaels.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances from N° 5145 to 5160 for correction of Nuisances, which were ordered to pass.

The Superintendant of Repairs requested $300 Dollars for payment of workmen &c in his Department—Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of the Chairman of the Committee of Repairs for that Sum.

An account of Marks & Martin for damage done by the Surveyors in running the lines of the City amounting to $29 was received and referred to a former *Committee on the same subject appointed 22d May in case of Mr Vn Orden The Road Committee to whom on the 25th Septr last a similar †account of John Thompson [338] had been referred was discharged from any further consideration thereof & the same was referred to the said Committee Viz Aldermen Hopkins [and] Bingham

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Sewer in ‡Gouverneurs Lane which was directed to be advertized in the News Papers employed by this Board.

The Street Commissioner also presented an Assessment for paving ||North Moore Street which was confirmed & Jonathan O. Delavan was appointed Collector.

On motion Ordered that the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward have authority to suspend the paving of the Street at the Corporation or §Swartwouts Basin until the next meeting of the Board.

At the request of the Board of Health—Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of James Drake Esqr the Treasurer for $500.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants for payment of the following sums.

John Bingham Esr for Commte Repairs	300.
James Drake Esr for Board of Health	500.
J. Morton 1 Qrs Salary to 10th inst	312.50
Drs	1112.50

* Marginal note reads *121.*—Ed. † Marginal note reads *313.*—Ed. ‡ Marginal note reads *134.*—Ed. || Marginal note reads *97.*—Ed. § Marginal note reads *265.*—Ed.

[339] In Common Council October 19. 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Saml M. Hopkins	Aldermen	Benjn Haight	Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Adrian Hegeman	
James Drake		Thos J. Campbell	
John Bingham		Isaac S. Douglass	
John D. Miller		Jasper Ward	
Thurston Wood		John Drake	
Nicholas Fish			
Mangle Minthorne			

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Ordinance was passed

A Law respecting Swine

Whereas, the great number of Swine, which, at present, run at large, in the City of New York, are extremely destructive to the pavements, and in other respects injurious; for remedy whereof

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, this nineteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and nine That from and after the first day of November next no Hog Shoat, pig, or Swine shall be permitted to run at large in any road, street, lane, or alley of the said City unless such hog shoat pig or swine shall have a ring or rings in its nose; so as to prevent it from [340] rooting up any ground or pavement, under the penalty of Three Dollars to be recovered against the owner of any such animal, in any Court having cognizance thereof with costs of suit.

And be it further Ordained, That if any Hog, shoat, pig, or swine, shall be found at large without a ring or rings being fixed in the nose as aforesaid, and when the owner of such hog shoat, pig, or swine is not known, it shall be lawful for any person or persons, to cause the same to be sent to either of the public pounds: & the keepers thereof are hereby enjoined to dispose of the same agreably to law.

And be it further Ordained, That the Attorney of the Board shall be authorized, after the recovery and receipt of any penalty under & by virtue of this Ordinance, to pay to the person who shall give the said Attorney such information of any offence against this ordinance as shall enable the said Attorney to prosecute the offender to judgement such part thereof, not exceeding one half of the said penalty so recovered and received as in his judgment he shall deem just and proper."

A Petition was received from the inhabitants of Elm Street between Hester & Grand Streets praying that that part of the street may be regulated & paved. And also that a lamp may be placed in the centre of said Street—Ordered that the former part of said Petition be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 6th Ward & [341] the Street Commissioner & that the latter part be referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition was received from Adam & Noah Brown & others proprietors of Lots in that part of the City in the 10th Ward called Manhattan Island Stating that it appears from a late survey that the Proprietors from some mistake have not located upon the precise lots to which they have title but that one possesses what agreably to this survey belongs to another that in order to remedy this & to avoid law suits they have mutually agreed to release to each other agreably to their respective locations, that they wish to take out Water Grants agreably to such Releases and that such of the petitioners as have already obtained grants are willing to surrender the same to the corporation; but previous to executing such releases they wish to be informed whether the Board will accept of such surrender and will grant to the several Petitioners, Water-rights agreably to such releases.

Whereupon it was Resolved that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition was received from sundry inhabitants of Thompson Street praying that a Lamp may be erected in said Street which was referred to the Lamp Committee.

An Application from the Committee of the Alms House for an advance of $5000 was received—Ordered that a Warrant issue for that sum.

A Petition was received from Fire Engine Company N° 20. praying that four men may be added to their Company, and that an additional [342] length of leader may be ordered, which was referred to the Fire Department.

A Petition was received from James. C. Roosevelt stating that he is erecting a House at the Corner of Leonard Street & Broadway, that the adjoining houses were built previous to the present law regulating Stoops; that if he builds his Porch agreably to the present law, it will destroy the uniformity of that Block besides subjecting him to a very inconvenient flight of steps & praying that in the erection of his stoop he may be permitted to conform to the former regulation—Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant

of the 5th Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petition if in their opinion proper.

A Petition was received from Abraham Stagg representing that for the repairing & regulating the Bowery road he had made considerable purchase of bricks and other materials, that the assessment for the said improvements having been delayed longer than was contemplated the Petitioner would be called upon for payment of those materials, before he could receive any thing from the assessment and therefore praying an advance of Ds 1000

Ordered that the same be referred to the Stt Commissr

A request was received from the Commissioners of the Alms House soliciting the use of the Sedan Chairs belonging to the Corporation Ordered that the same be delivered to the said Commissioners.

A Petition was received from Abraham Russell [343] to be permitted to build a vault in front of his lot in Greenwich Street, Ordered that permission be granted and that the same be constructed under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward & the Street Commissioner.

A Petition was rec'd from James Byrne stating that a judgement had been rendered against him for the sum of $50 on a complaint against him for a nuisance on his premises, that he is a Public Porter in indigent circumstances & praying a remission of the penalty.

Ordered that the same be remitted.

A Petition was rec'd from the Inhabitants residing in front of Swartwouts basin remonstrating against the paving of the same. Ordered that the same be referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 1st & 3d Wards & Stt Commissioner.

A Petition was received from Christian Truss requesting License as Butcher & to have the Stand No 3. Fly Market assigned to him which was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was received from the Residents on the West side of Peck Slip praying that the Board would reconsider their order respecting the Bridge which is to connect the middle pier about to be erected with the West side of said Slip. Ordered that the same be referred to Aldermen Bingham, Dickinson & Minthorne

A Petition was rec'd from Stephen Hilliker Senr & Geo: Wilt Butchers praying to be permitted to [344] exchange with each other Stalls No 39 & 19 Fly Market—Ordered that it be referred to the Market Committee.

A Communication was rec'd from the Commissions for laying

out roads & Streets requesting an advance of D^{s} 2000 which was ordered to be issued, And further stating that the monumental stones which they had placed marking the intersection of Streets had been destroyed by some wanton & malicious persons and suggesting the propriety of passing an Ordinance for the punishment of such offences —Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws & Ordinances.

An application was received from Isaac Bronson as Assignee of a Bond given by the Corporation to Miller & Baker requesting payment of the interest now due on the said Bond dated 1st Aug^{t} 1807 for $2079 $^{60}/_{100}$ interest due to 25th inst $533 $^{75}/_{100}$.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition was received from John Gaffit praying to be appointed a City Measurer which was referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition was received from Geo: C. Schroppell for a Water Grant opposite his property on the Hudson River in the 9th Ward. Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

An Account was received from Walter Bowne for Assessment of Jury valuing ground taken for opening Frankfort Street & praying payment of the same which was ordered to be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

[345] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Cheif Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Engine Fire Company N^{o} 15.

Moses Dewey Tinplate worker N^{o} 5 Bowery lane 10th Ward v. Jos^{h} Shadwick res^{d}

James Ackerman Carpenter 10th d^{o} Val^{e} Luss res^{d}

A Report was received from the Police office stating that Capt. Snow had returned that He had suspended James Frost & George Rangells two of his watchmen for sleeping on their posts, it being the second time that Frost had been suspended for that offence.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Watch Committee

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of the Petition of John Gardner & others relative to the situation of the lower part of Grand Street Reported

That it will be adviseable to direct the proprietors of the adjoining lots to repair the Bulk head and raise it to the heighth of the intended permanent regulation of Grand Street and as it is now in

a situation to let sand pass through into the Slip which will in a short time fill up & destroy that harbor they are of opinion that the same ought to be thouroughly repaired & rendered secure against such Contingency.

The Committee therefore present the draft of an Ordinance for the purpose which they recommend to be passed & enforced.

Jas Drake
Oct[r] 19. 1809 (S[d]) Jacob Mott
Sam[l] M. Hopkins.

Which report was confirmed & the Ordinance therein recommended was passed.

[346] The Committee appointed to consider the subject of the application of the Proprietors of Ground assessed for opening Amity Street reported that in their opinion in order to obviate the objections of the Petitioners it would be expedient for the Corporation to assume the payment of one third of the amount & that the residue be collected without delay—Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the African Free School and of the Trustees of the Economical School presented a report as follows

That the African Free School consists at present of about one hundred & thirty Scholars, that the Institution is conducted according to Lancasters plan and as appears to the Committee is attended with great success the School is orderly & decent & the Scholars appear to have made a very handsome progress and the Institution is in the opinion of the Committee entitled to every encouragement the Corporation can afford.

The Committee have not visited the Economical School, but they have no doubt but it is a meritorious institution. The Committee however explained to the Trustees of the economical School that the present building for the Free School is temporary and would probably be removed in the Spring. Upon this understanding the [347] application on the behalf of the economical School was waved.

The Committee are of opinion that nothing should be done to prevent the removal of the building now used for the Free School. But with a view to afford a temporary accommodation to the African School the Committee are of opinion that the use of that building should be allowed to that institution till the first day of May next but

upon the strict & express understanding that they are to remove from it by that day.

Saml M. Hopkins
(Signed) John Bingham
Benjn Haight

Which was confirmed

The Superintendant of Repairs made the following report, That agreably to the order of the Common Council of Sept 25. 1809 he has examined the old furniture which was in the dark room of the City Hall and found eleven old circular mahogany tables—Six of the best are removed to the Government House by John Pintard Esqr for the use of the Historical Society until wanted by the Corporation.

The following is the furniture now in the Hall & not fit for use.

Five circular tables broken, twenty eight mahogany chairs broken, five pair of brass andirons broken two old Grates one Compting House Desk & frame three old franklin Stoves, thirty four Stone Cutters hammers, one lot of old iron

The Superintendant recommends the above [348] old articles to be disposed of in some way so as to clear the rooms of the incumbrances

Octr 19. 1809 (Sd) Jacob P. Roome
Supt of Repairs.

Whereupon Ordered that the Superintendant be directed to dispose of the said articles in the Hall at Public Auction.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for the correction of Sundry nuisances from No 5145 to No 5158 which were ordered to pass.

The Committee to whom was referred the statement of the Attorney of the Board respecting the valuation by the Jury of ground required for opening a continuation of Chamber Street reported that in their opinion the Common Council ought not to confirm the verdict of the Jury in that case—which Report was agreed to And it was further Ordered that the Comptroller & Street Commissioner be authorized to treat with the proprietors of that ground & report at the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Fire Engine Company No 7. for a larger Engine House reported that the prayer be granted and that the Superintendt of Repairs be directed to carry the same into effect, which was confirmed.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of

James W. Lent praying for the lease of a Lot of ground between the Public [349] Free School and the Jail, presented the following report

That they have taken the prayer of the said Petition under their consideration and find that according to a late regulation of the Board it is agreed between the parties that in future ten feet on the South & North side of said school shall be left as Alleys and twenty three feet from that line no building shall be erected to exceed one story making thirty three feet from the present building & commencing from that line to the jail fence is not in their opinion sufficient for any valuable building

Which is respectfully submitted

John Bingham
James Drake
(S[d]) Thos J. Campbell
Jasper Ward

Which Report was agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of David Marsh reported that fifty feet of the walk in Bowery Lane opposite to North Street be left in the present state and that a deduction be made from the assessment for the same. which was agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Andrew I McLaughlin respecting the erection of a Flag Staff at the Battery reported

That they have taken the subject into consideration, & recommend that the new Flag Staff be erected on the scite proposed by the former Committee; that it be constructed in the same [350] *same* manner as the former flag staff except that the Columns be new & turned & somewhat higher than they were before, and that it be raised in such a manner as to admit of two Steps so that if the Common Council should at a future period think it necessary to have it floored it may be done.

Your Committee further reports that in their opinion so much of the old materials as can be used to advantage be applied to the construction of the new flag staff & they recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to proceed in this business without delay

A Plan of the intended flag staff accompanies this report

Oct[r] 19. 1809 (S[d])

Thurston Wood
Ja[s] Drake

On the question to agree to the same a Division having been called

thereon by Alderman Hopkins it was carried in the affirmative in manner following.

Affirmative			Negative	
Aldermen Drake	Assistants Hegeman		Aldermen Hopkins	
Bingham	Campbell		Dickinson	
Miller	Douglass		Fish &	
Mott	Ward		Mr Haight	
Wood	Jno Drake			4
Minthorne		11		

[351] The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Darling praying to be indemnified for a fine & costs of suit incurred in consequence of a prosecution by Elizabeth Delow Reported

" That they have carefully investigated the particulars of said memorial and Sundry other documents submitted to their consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted.

John Bingham
(Sd) Isaac S. Douglass
Mangle Minthorne "

Which Report was confirmed.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom the Communication of the Street Commissioner was referred respecting the size of the intended Basin between Beekman & Peck Slips reported

That the distance between the two Slips is too small for two middle piers & that if one pier is determined upon to run in the middle it will afford two good Basins of 200 feet from each.

The Committee therefore recommend that the Board adopt that plan, and that the proprietors of Lots on the East side of the Center line of the said intended pier be included in the expence of the Pier now building on the West side of Peck Slip: And they further recommend that the Street Commissioner make out the apportionment of the expence accordingly

James Drake
Octr 19. 1809 (Sd) Jacob Mott
Saml M. Hopkins.

Which Report was confirmed.

[352] The Street Commissioner presented the following Report That he has been frequently called upon by the Commissioners of Canal Street for the precise situation of the Streets on the West side

of Broadway which will be intersected by the North line of Canal Street.

The Board are already possessed of the information that the streets upon Bayards West Farms cannot be surveyed correctly in consequence of the deficiency of ground and that the undersigned has made frequent attempts to effect correct surveys in Spring Street without being able to do so from the present Maps and buildings that are daily erecting upon that Street which will greatly encrease the difficulties unless some thing is done to prevent it by establishing the several Corners of the respective Streets.

The Street Commissioner has had several conversations with the Commissioners of Canal Street upon this subject & explained to them the difficulties which they perfectly understand; but at the same time they remark that it will be impossible for them to go on with their charge until the Corporation furnish them with the data from which to calculate their assessment

The Commissioners agree with the Undersigned that the Board have the power to relieve them of the present difficulty by causing a correct survey to be made of Spring Street laying off the Blocks [353] and Streets from the Corner of Broadway and taking the half lot which will be deficient on the West side of Bayards Farm by assessment upon the proprietors benefitted And it is recommended that the Board order such survey to be laid before them for that purpose.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Oct^{r} 19. 1809. (S^{d}) John S Hunn
S^{t} C^{r}

Which Recommendation was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving of Front Street which was confirmed and Adolph De Grove appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for filling in certain sunken lots in Spring Street which was confirmed and Ebenezer Clark was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication together with the Assessment therein mentioned Viz:

The Street Commissioner covers the assessment for repairing and extending the main sewer in Gouverneurs Lane having advertized the same agreably to the directions of the Board.

Gerard Walton who is largely assessed has Stated to the Undersigned verbally & by letter that the property assessed as his, belongs to

the heirs of the late Jacob Walton to whose estate [354] he acted as Executor, & that he paid to Mr Gouverneur above Seven hundred dollars for an equal right in the Sewer & has a conveyance to that effect.

The Assessment laid upon Mr Waltons property is much greater in proportion than that upon the property of the late Mr Gouverneur and Mr Tooker one of the assessors has informed that it was so done upon the presumption that Mr Watsons heirs had no interest in the Sewer.

If the representation of Mr Walton is correct (and there can be no doubt of it) the assessment is unequal & improper and it is recommended that it be referred to the same Assessors to investigate the subject.

The Street Commissioner further represents to the Board that the work for which the assessment has been made was done by the day under the Superintendance of a worthy but poor man, who has by borrowing endeavored to pay off his workmen only in part; That the assessment has been unfortunately delayed beyond his expectations & that he is now in great distress for the money which in consequence of the present errors in the Assessment will not be collected in several Weeks. The Street Commissioner therefore recommends that a Warrant be issued in favor of Samuel Tooker one of the Assessors for five hundred dollars to relieve the workmen & to be refunded from the first money collected

All which &ca John S Hunn

[355] Which was agreed to. On a question to reconsider that part of the Street Commissioners communication which recommended a Warrant to issue to Saml Tooker for $500 the Board agreed to reconsider the same and on the question to agree to advance the said Sum it passed in the negative.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving Vandam Street from Greenwich Street to Hudson Street which was passed and John Hopper Junr John P. Ritter, Joseph Watkins, Geo: Cleland & Ebenezer Clark were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner recommended that a Warrant issue to Halsey & Westervelt for $1058.$^{25}/_{100}$ being the first installment due from the Corporation for building the 40 feet pier on the West side of Peck Slip—Ordered that a Warrant issue for the said sum.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating the Streets around Hudson Square which was passed and George

Cleland William Hillyer Joseph Watkins Joseph Dederer & Grove Wright were appointed Assessors.

The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Hopkins "Resolved that a Committee be appointed to apply to Mr Bonnett for the Reconveyance of the lots on or near to Chatham Street lately conveyed to him in trust for this Board, and that they be authorized to deliver up to Mr Bonnett his Bond for $10'000 upon executing such reconveyance" Which was agreed to and the following Committee appointed. Viz *Alderman Bingham Hopkins Drake

Resolved that the Constables & Marshalls heretofore employed to enforce the Law for the observance of the sabbath and the person employed to attend at the Park be discharged from that duty.

Resolved that Aldermen Mott, Dickinson, & Bingham be added to the Committee heretofore appointed on the Memorial of the Proprietors of the Steam Engine Company proposing to employ Steam Boats as Passage boats across the Hudson river

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take down and remove the Building in Henry Street heretofore reported by him to be in a ruinous and dangerous state.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay the following Sums.

No 651	Capt. N. Lawrence City Watch	276.36
652	" Wm Vn Wart do	276.36
653	" Wm Peterson do	276.36
654	" Jas Snow do	276.36
655	" Thos Darling do	276.36
656	" Js: Anderson do	276.36
657	J. delaMontagnie Salary 1 Qr to 13th inst	250.
658	Jas Warner do do	250.
659	B. O Blenis Clerk to Police	250.
660	Saml Walker posting Bills to 27th ult	10.60
661	[357] M. Banks work to Pumps in 7 & 10 Wards	100.33
662	Danl Davis reps Pumps in 7th Ward	45.25
663	Beekman & Boyce Carriage hire to 23d Sep	68.
664	John H. Sickles for Builds Committee	1000.
665	Do Do	1000.
666	Do Do	1000.
667	Do for Commissioners of Alms Ho	5000.
668	Simeon DeWitt Commissioners for laying out roads &ca	2000.
	Drs	12'632.34

* New page not numbered.—Ed.

In Common Council October 30th 1809

Present. DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Deputy Mayor

Mesier	Aldermen	John W. Mulligan	Assistants
Saml M. Hopkins		Adrian Hegeman	
Charles Dickinson		Thomas J. Campbell	
James Drake		Isaac S. Douglass	
John Bingham		Samuel Torbert	
John D. Miller		Jasper Ward	
Thurston Wood		John Drake	
Nicholas Fish			
Mangle Minthorne			

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

*A Memorial was rec'd from John Wethershire stating that he had been informed that the Board intended to relinquish the plan of continuing Chamber street through to Chatham Street, that in consequence thereof he gave notice that unless the sum awarded to him by a Jury for that purpose should be paid him in sixty days from the time of the award that he will take measures for compelling payment of the same, that he was willing in the mean time to treat with the Board respecting the injury which he had sustained.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Council of the Board, Comptroller, & Street Commissioner.

A Petition was received from Stephen Jumel stating that some time since he had from motives of compassion taken under his care a Mr Pechon a resident of Boston who was then in this City & laboring under a partial (as it was then thought) derangement of mind; that the disorder of said Petion was not removed but that he was now confined in the New York Hospital, that Mr Petions resources being very limited he prayed that the Board would provide for his maintenance Ordered that the same be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Communication was received from Messs Gosman & Macomb praying payment of the sums due to them for laying the Curb Stone in the Bowery agreably to [359] a Resolution of the Board of the 17th April last—Ordered, that the same be referred to Alderman Bingham Messrs Douglass & John Drake

A Petition was rec'd from sundry Quarrymen praying that the Wood Inspectors might be authorized to inspect Stone brought to the City for sale—Which was referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Suffolk Street complaining of a

* New page not numbered.—Ed.

nuisance at the corner of that and Division Street was received and referred to the City Inspector.

An Account was received from Stephen Hitchcock of $5.5\%_{100}$ for Costs paid by him in a suit while Superintendant of Streets against one Silas Carman—Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

A Memorial was received from sundry Inhabitants recommending that a fine incurred by James Ferris by selling liquors without license might be remitted which was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

Petitions were received from William White & Jacob Bedell praying remission of fines for selling liquors without license—from Geo: Riker praying remission of a penalty of fifty dollars recovered in the Justices Court for a breach of a law of the Corporation & from John Hutchings one of the [360] Constables of the City praying reimbursement of a Judgement amounting to Dol^{s} 11 $7\%_{100}$ recovered against him for a Wheelbarrow which he broke in removing a vagrant to the Bridewell

the same were severally referred to the Attorney of the Board

A Petition was received from the Inhabitants of the village of Greenwich praying for additional Lamps—which was referred to the Lamp Committee, and

A Petition from the same praying that an alteration might be made in the Watch districts so as to furnish them with stationed Watchmen, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition was rec'd from Rich^{d} V. Morris & Gilbert Robertson in behalf of the Divisees of *of* Jacob Walton & Isaac Gouverneur deceased stating that their Testators were at the expence of constructing the Drain under Gouverneurs lane—that the Assessment for the late extension of the said drain has been laid upon their property without any allowance for their former disbursements in constructing the same which they consider to be inequitable; that they are willing for a proper Consideration to convey the said drain to the Corporation —that the expense thereby incurred may then be laid upon the property benefitted by it & that they then will be willing to bear their equitable proportion of the same

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 1st Ward & the Street Commissioner.

[361] A Memorial from Benj^{n} Romaine, John W. Elseworth, W^{m} Hillyer, W^{m} Hoogland & W^{m} Ryer appointed Assessors for Walker Street was received which stated that they were Residents of and

near said Street & therefore requesting to be excused serving as Assessors—Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner.

A further Petition was rec'd from Ab^{m} Stagg requesting an advance upon account for the paving of the Bowery Road, which was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition was rec'd from Gerard Rutgers praying that the paving of a part of Broome Street may be deferred—Ordered that the same be refer^{d} to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward & St^{t} Commiss^{r}

A Petition was rec'd from Adam Fink praying to be assigned to Stand N^{o} 3 in Spring Street Market—and from Benj^{n} Lovell praying to be licensed as a Butcher & to be assigned to N^{o} 18 Chatham Street Market at present occupied by Henry Carrier, who it appeared by his Certificate annexed was willing to relinquish the same, were severally referred to the Market Committee who immediately reported that in their opinion it would be proper to grant the prayers of the petitioners

Which report was confirmed

A Petition was rec'd from the Inhabitants of Haerlem praying that an Inspector of Wood might be appointed for that place & recommending Amasa Shurtliff to that office—Whereupon [362] Resolved that the prayer of the said petition be granted, and that Amasa Shurtliff be appointed an Inspector of Wood for the town of Haerlem.

An account of Isaac A. Van Hook for Costs in suit of Mayor &c v^{s} M^{c}Dermott amounting to $43 $^{33}/_{100}$ was presented—M^{r} V^{n}Hook stated that the Board having directed that M^{c}Dermott should be discharged without payment of Costs in case he was unable to pay them—that the Attorney of the Board upon examination finding him in extreme poverty had released him without payment of costs—he therefore solicited payment of his Bill—Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition from Pat. M^{c}Koy praying permission to transfer the lease of Lot N^{o} 17 Colden Street to Richard Lawrence & to have the lease made out in his name was read & referred to the Comptl^{r}

A Petition was received from Burdett Stryker and John Dikeman lessees of fly-market-ferry stating that during the period in which the Intercourse between this City and Brooklyn was interdicted by the Board of Health, their receipts of ferriages bore so little proportion to their expenditures that they were losers to the amount of $619, &

praying relief from the Board—Ordered that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Comptroller to whom had been committed "the application of Isaac Bronson Assignee of a Bond given to Miller & Baker for property in [363] Canal Street requesting the Interest due to 25th instt "Reported

"That having stated at large in his communication to the Board the 7th August last the peculiar situation of the Bonds connected with the regulations of Canal Street, he perceives no reason for deviating from the Report then made, & which received the approbation of the Board—And accordingly recommends that no alteration should be made in this instance, but that all the holders of Bonds in similar circumstances ought to be placed on the same footing till the business is settled by the Commissioners."

respectfully submitted

Oct. 30. 1809 Sd G N. Bleecker Compr"

Which was Confirmed.

The Attorney of the Board in the Petition of Margaret Lynch reported that the petitioner may with propriety make the dormant windows without filling up the intermediate space.

Which report was confirmed.

The Committee on the part of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Elm Street praying that the Street might be paved reported—that the same ought to be carried into effect under the direction of the Street Commissioner—which was agreed to.

The Market Committee on the petition of Stephen Hilliker senior & Geo: Wilt praying permission to exchange the Stalls Nos 39 & 19 in the Fly Market Reported, that in their opinion they may be permitted to exchange with each other agreably to the prayer of the Petition

Which was agreed to.

[364] The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents upon the several Assessments for repairing Hague Street, paving Second Street & opening Frankfort Street and recommended that Warrants issue to Henry Van Pelt to collect the same Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving the Bowery Road which was confirmed, and Jonathan Pinkney was appointed Collector of the same—He further reported that the Petition of Abraham Stagg for an advance of $1000 which had been referred

to him was best answered by the confirmation of the Assessment as in his opinion no advances should be made on Assessments where no Nuisance was to be corrected.

The Street Commissioner presented an Agreement between the Committee appointed to dispose of the Collect lots and Mr Jay & Mr Munro which is as follows

"It is agreed between the Corporation of the City of New York on one part, and John Jay & Peter Jay Munro on the other part that the Alley already laid out through the Ground of Messs White Morris & others between Sugar Loaf Street and White Street parallel with Broadway and twenty five feet wide shall be continued through the land of the said Corporation and of the said John Jay & Peter Jay Munro to Canal Street, and further that no dwelling Houses shall ever be built fronting upon the [365] said Alley, and that the ground of the said Alley shall be ceded to and accepted by the said Corporation—And further that in all leases and Sales to be made by either party proper covenants or Reservations shall be made in order to prevent the building of dwelling houses fronting on the said Alley—And this agreement of the part of the said John Jay & Peter Jay Munro shall be included in the General Cession to be made by them to the said Corporation of the Street running through their Ground—Dated 27th Oct. 1809

Peter Augustus Jay for John Jay Peter Jay Munro } Signed { John Bingham, Jasper Ward, Saml Torbert } Committee

Resolved that this Board approve the same.

The Street Comssr presented an Assessment for the Sewer in Gouverneurs lane—Ordered that the same be published in the Newspapers employed by the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented to the Board a Certificate from the Assessors appointed to repair the main sewer in Roosevelt Street stating that no person having appeared to Contract for the same they recommend that it be performed by days work and that the Corporation advance the sum necessary for the same—Resolved that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward with authority to carry the same into effect.

The Street Comssr recommended that a Warrant be issued to Walter Allen for $783 for 2d installment on pier East side of Fly market Slip—Ordered that a Warrant issue for that sum.

[366] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regu-

lating Greenwich Street which was confirmed and John Casper Krapft was appointed Collector

The St[t] Commss[r] reported that agreably to the direction of the Board he had conversed with M[r] A. L. Bleecker on the subject of opening Bleecker Street from Broadway to the Bowery—that M[r] Bleecker had informed him that his son James would call & let him know his determination—that M[r] James Bleecker had accordingly called & informed the St[t] Comss[r] that his father consented to cede Bleecker Street from Broadway to Bowery Road to the Corporation, Gratis, reserving to himself the right of compensation for any other streets that the Corporation may direct to be run through his ground subject to the usual assessment. Ordered to be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of *of* the 8[th] Ward & the Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner presented to the Board the following statement respecting the Pier on the East side of Old Slip—" That the proprietors of lots fronting on South Street who have consented to advance to the Corporation the $3200 on account of the Pier on the East side of Old Slip are unwilling to make the advance in any other way than by dividing it equally between them—And as there are eight persons interested they propose that eight Bonds should be directed to be executed to them respectively each 400 Dollars, and state thro' M[r] Dearman that the money is now ready to be advanced in that way.

[367] It will amount to the same thing as if the whole was advanced by one person—The Street Commissioner therefore respectfully states

That a Warrant has already issued to M[r] Dearman & remaining in his hands for.....	1066.67
And recommends that another Warrant for the Balance being.....	2133.33
be directed in favor of J. Dearman making the sum of the advance...	3200.00

to be disposed of as above stated

(S[d]) John S. Hunn

Which was approved & a Warrant ordered to issue to Justus Dearman for $2133 $^{33}/_{100}$.

The Street Commissioner represented that the pavement laid down last fall in Bayard Street had been washed away by the rain & carried into the low grounds of the Collect—He recommended that a special Committee be appointed to view the premises and direct measures proper to correct the evil. Ordered that the following be a Committee for that purpose Ald[n] Bingham Miller & M[r] Douglass.

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner who were directed to treat with the Proprietors of Ground required to extend Chamber Street to Chatham Street Reported

That they have called upon the said proprietors. and received the following answers from them respectively.

[368] John Murphy claiming compensation for a building fronting Augustus Street asks for his interest therein Two Hundred & fifty dollars.

John Nicholas Weathershire demands for his house and lot in Augustus Street & adjoining the above four thousand Six hundred dollars but will deduct $100 if he is permitted to remove the building.

Peter Bonnett owning the lot on which the house stands claimed by Murphy asks $1500 dollars for it subject to that incumbrance and 8500 dollars for his three lots in Chatham Street, subject also to Mr Lorillards lease.

Peter Lorillard who owns a vacant lot in Augustus Street & has leases for several years upon the lots owned by Mr Bonnett would not fix any price upon his property at the time he was applied to; but said he would write his answer & send it to the Undersigned on Monday morning, which letter has been received and is herewith presented for the information of the Board.

The Undersigned do not pretend to give an opinion upon the real value of the property above mentioned. They have supposed it to be worth much less than the sums demanded for it; but as part of the Ground has already been estimated by a Jury, it may be presumed that a new verdict will be little less.

The price of the ground required to open the Street 75 feet wide according to that calculation amounts to above 22'000 Dollars.

[369] It is probable that above one half of this sum will be taxed upon the Corporation property in Chatham & Augustus Streets which already commands a high rent & if it should be determined that the conveyance to Mr Bonnett is illegal or improper the Corporation will be put to the expence of near twenty thousand Dollars, to open a Street only two hundred feet long through the centre of a Block of the usual size and in the vicinity of a high ground where as much open space is already reserved as in any other part of the City! But it is for the Board to determine whether the objects to be obtained by the opening of Chamber Street will warrant such an excessive expenditure of the public money.

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner here take the liberty to

remark, that in their opinion it could never have been the intention of the Legislature, that the Corporation should without compensation be compelled to throw open for Streets the property which belongs to the Citizens at large, when by so doing they would benefit but a small section of the City, any more than they would be bound to purchase such streets by direct drafts upon the public treasury.

Such constructions have been however put upon the law by the Courts & there appears to be no method of getting clear of the sacrifice, without the aid of the Legislature.

Independent of the above it is evident from the Conduct of Mr Archer in Canal Street—Mr Bowrowson in Sullivan Street & Mr Weathershire in the street abovementioned, that under the present [370] Law, a designing, obstinate or ignorant individual in defiance of the power of the Corporation may render them liable to pay such enormous additional expences, as may induce them to abandon an important & laudable improvement

The Undersigned therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of petitioning the Legislature at the next Session to grant relief in the Premises

Octr 30th 1809. (Sd) John S Hunn St Comr
G. N. Bleecker Comptr

Whereupon Resolved that it is inexpedient to extend Chamber Street in Chatham Street.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Peck Slip praying for an alteration of the Bridge from the East to the West side of the Slip Reported

That they have duly attended to the subject of said petition, & viewed the situation of the premises, & in investigating the different claims of those interested therein beg leave to mention a few facts relative thereto: They find that the principal number of petitioners for the Piers and bridge were on the east side of said slip with a view of forming a Basin in front, & your Committee find by the map as approved by this Board that a bridge was proposed to be built on that side—that the distance between the piers is fifty feet on the East side & thirty feet on the West side—that to have a sufficient bridge on the West side it will be necessary to [371] sink a small block of about six or eight feet further in the Slip—Owing to some mistake of the Dock Builder by having the bridge on the West side there would be a great obstruction to the passage of Carts by the narrowness of the dock at Mr Lydigs store having only a width of 16½ feet for the

business of the two piers. And nothwithstanding your Committee think the first petitioners have a claim to have the bridge on the East side; yet as the whole of the bridges are built at the expence of this Board and as the property from Water Street to the Bulk head is likewise owned by it, your Committee feel a reluctance in deciding on which side the bridge should be built & therefore it is *therefore it is* their wish to refer the ultimate decision of the whole to this Honorable Board

respectfully submitted

John Bingham
(S^{d}) Mangle Minthorne
Charles Dickinson

Whereupon Resolved that the bridge be erected on the West side of the said Slip, & that the Street Commissioner make such deduction on the Contract as may be just & reasonable.

The Committee to whom was referred a Report of the Street Committee together with a letter from Thomas Barrow Agent for the Corporation of Trinity Church on the subject of opening Greenwich Street to Christopher Street Reported

That in opening Greenwich Street thro' the Nursery nothing farther has been done than cutting down the trees, & that unless the numerous small stumps are grubbed [372] or ploughed out, and the rubbish removed it will be impossible for Carriages to pass in safety —this cannot be done in Winter & if it is left until the frost is out of the ground in the Spring it will be a muddy disagreable & almost impassable road the ensuing Summer—That the road is sixty six feet wide, of which 36 feet in the centre may be cleared the Stumps removed & the road arched & regulated by Contract for about 120 or 130 Dollars

This the Committee beg leave to recommend for the present, & that the expence to be incurred therein be included in the sum to be assessed on the proprietors of lots who may be benefitted thereby when a farther regulation of said street shall take place

Jacob Mott
Nich^{s} Fish
John Bingham
James Drake
Charles Dickinson.

Which was Confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for opening of Lispenard Street into Broadway Reported

That they have viewed the premises & caused a Map thereof to be made & find that there are but two wooden buildings except sheds and they are old & of but little value. That almost every person who will be assessed have signed the petition & that, the Committee have heard of no opposition to the measure altho' the application for this object has been generally known for several months—that it will in the opinion of the Committee be [373] of great benefit to all the Inhabitants of Lispenard Street to open the Communication direct to Broadway and especially to the owners of the property between Broadway & Church Streets—& that it will be a real public advantage—All which, by an inspection of the Map will appear & to which the Committee beg leave to refer

The Committee therefore recommend that said Lispenard Street be opened agreable to the red lines of the Map & that the St[t] Commissioner be directed to treat with the proprietors accordingly

Submitted

Oct. 30. 1809. (S[d]) John Bingham
Tho[s] J. Campbell

Which was confirmed

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred an application for regulating that part of Bridge Street lately opened between Whitehall & State streets presented an Ordinance for that purpose which was passed & Rob[t] Morris Jun[r] Garrit Storm Samuel Tooker Nicholas Van Antwerp and Wandle Ham were appointed Assessors.

The Committee to whom the communication of the Street Commissioner was referred respecting the survey of the Ground along South Street between Burling & Beekman Slips Reported

That as the present wharf along Burling Slip is not too wide for the comfortable use of the inhabitants trading there, it is adviseable to let the property remain in the situation as originally intended and they recommend that the Street Commissioner direct the survey of M[r] Codwise's & M[r] Schermerhorns lots [374] to be sett off & mark Stones placed in such manner as to preserve Beekman Slip of the width of Eighty four feet to the corner of M[r] Schermerhorns ground. The Committee further report that by the delay of this business the time limited in the Bonds executed between the Corporation & M[r] Schermerhorn has expired & they recommend that they may be renewed so

that the Referees bring in their award on or before the first day of January next

Samuel M. Hopkins
(Signed) John W. Mulligan
John S Hunn.

Which Report was confirmed.

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner to whom was referred the application of Walter Bowne for payment of the award in his favor for opening Frankfort Street Reported

That they have investigated the subject & find that the award in his favor was confirmed on the 15th Septr 1808 for Drs 4000.

That it was not until the 5th January last that the Ordinance was passed to assess the same upon the persons benefitted and that the Assessment was not prepared and delivered to the Collector until about the 8th day of Septr last

From the Assessment it appears that the Assessors have allowed Mr Bowne 100 dollars for interest which is stated to be intended as a full compensation for the detention of his money—calculating the Interest (after deducting six months from the Verdict of the Jury) to the time the Assessors commenced their operations.

The Undersigned further report that upon [375] inspecting the Assessment they find that the remaining property of Mr Bowne has been assessed 1243 1%100 Dollars which is to be deducted from the Sum due to him on the award & upon which Mr Bowne ought not, in the opinion of the subscribers, to expect interest.

The Undersigned further Report that there is now collected & ready to be paid to Mr Bowne 1500 Dollars which he has refused to accept, unless the whole demand is settled.

From the aforesaid premises the following account may be stated which is probably near the truth & such as Mr Bowne ought to be satisfied with Viz

Verdict of the Jury 15th Septr 1808	4000.
Assessment deducted immediately or as soon after as made out	1243.10
	2756.90
Interest allowed on the above by the Assessors from 15th March 1809 to 1st Octr—1809—6 Mos 15 dys	100.
	2856.90
Now ready to be paid to him	1500.
	$1356.90

The Undersigned lastly report that as the return of Henry Van Pelt Collector for the above Assessment is this day presented by the Street Commissioner, there appears no doubt but that the residue of the money may be soon obtained & that the advance by the Corporation will therefore be unnecessary if not improper

All which is respectfully submitted

Sd G. N. Bleecker Compr
John S Hunn

Which Report was Confirmed.

[376] The Market Committee on the Petition of Christian Truss to have a Butchers License & to be assigned to Stall N° 3 Fly Market —and on the Petition of Daniel Reynolds to have a Stall in the vicinity of the State Prison Reported in favor of the prayers of said Petitioners, which report was confirmed—They also Reported on the Petition of Peter Wilt, that as Stall N° 17 Fly Market was vacant that the same be assigned to him Which was confirmed

The Committee appointed to investigate the accounts of William Mooney late Superintendant of the Alms House from the time of his first Appointment, and to whom was also referred the subject of Rules for the regulation of the Alms House Reported in part

That they have examined the Books of Account kept by the Clerk of the Alms House since the time of Mr Mooneys appointment and have so far compared them with original receipts and documents as to leave no doubt in the minds of the Committee that the entries in the Books are correctly made in conformity to the Vouchers.

It is already well understood by the Board that an alarming increase has been discovered in the late expences of the Alms House Establishment. The Committee conceived that to accomplish the different objects of their appointment it would be necessary to trace the extent & causes of this increase, not only [377] with reference to Mr Mooneys accounts but with a view to discover how far the Institution can be conducted at less expence & upon better principles. For these purposes the Committee have gone into a general examination of the number of paupers, the quantities, kinds, and Cost of the articles consumed in their support and the expence of the whole Establishment for each quarter of the last six years.

The details furnished by this examination are so minute and numerous that the Committee have not thought it proper to occupy the time of the Board by presenting the whole of them, but they will be

made the subject of a further report if the Board should think proper so to direct.

The annexed statement marked A shews the average number of paupers in the House calculated upon the returns at the four usual Quarter days) also the total expence of the House and the sums drawn from the City Treasury for that expence for each year from the 1s Novr 1802 to 31st July 1809 with the exception of two or three items thereof which the Committee could not obtain in time for this Report.

In explanation of this Statement it may be proper to remark 1st that the annual accounts have most usually been made up to the thirty first day of October—but in the annexed statement the Committee have made out most of them to the thirty first of July [378] not only to bring down the account to the latest convenient time but also to furnish a statement (which could not otherwise be done) of an entire year during which Mr Mooney was Superintendant.

2d It may be proper also to remark that the accounts stated as the total expence of the House are not always those which stand charged in the Comptrollers Books to the Superintendant, but are those which were applicable to the Alms House itself exclusive of public donations for the out door poor, & other extraneous expences—This method of Stating it is conformable to a suggestion of Mr Mooney.

3d The remaining funds (besides those drawn from the Public Treasury) are supplied by various small sources of revenue belonging to the Alms House, such as Bonds for the support of Children & Emigrants, Sales of useless articles, the labor of Paupers &ca

By the said Statement A it appears that the expences of the year ending on the thirty first of July last much exceed the expences of any former year, and are nearly double the expences of the year ending the 31st July 1804 The Committee also observe that in general though not always there has been a progressive increase in the articles of expenditure & that this increase in most cases greatly exceeds the ratio of the number of Paupers.

[379] The Committee have endeavored to go farther and ascertain with exactness in what particular articles the increase consisted, whether it was owing to an augmentation of price or of quantity and in either case whether such augmentation was necessary. In a part of this enquiry they have been greatly aided by some valuable documents found in the Comptrollers Office containing complete returns of articles consumed in the Alms House for the years ending on the thirty first of October 1803 & 1804. To form a comparison with one

of these, the Committee have made out another like statement from the Books of Mr Mooney for one year ending on the thirty first of July last. The annexed paper marked B contains these two Statements, Viz for 1804 & 1809.

On the comparison of the articles consumed for those two years the Committee observe with regret, that the greatest increase has taken place in the consumption of those articles which are used as the gratifications of luxury or intemperance, while the use of some articles which might contribute to the comfort of the sick or feeble has been diminished or discontinued

The quantity of Rum consumed in the latter year is more than double that in the former, that of Gin is six times & of Brandy five times as much as in the former year.

The Expences of that part of the establishment which is called the middle House appeared to the Committee to merit particular attention. The family composing the Middle House consisted [380] of Mr & Mrs Mooney their five sons & four Officers of the House making eleven persons in addition to which there was a second table for about seven persons in domestic employments about the house, in all twelve men and six women. Certain supplies were also furnished to some of the other servants.

The four bills next particularly specified are with very trifling exceptions incurred for the support of the Middle House in addition to which the Establishment used all other articles it had occasion for from the common Stock.

The Committee have made quarterly statements of the amount of those four Bills, more particularly because being among the accounts which have very considerably increased even during Mr Mooneys time it was thought proper to give the precise sums. The following are the quarterly amounts of the four bills alluded to Viz

1808

April 30

Marketting for Middle House from 28th March last to this date as pr H. Remmy's Bill	82.89	
Bill for Butchers Meat from Feby 11th 711½ lbs	74.41	
S. B. Harpers Bill for small Groceries this Quarter	140.34	
Small Contingencies	.....	
House Expences	32.69	
		330.33

1808		
July 30th		
Marketting for Middle House as pr Bill of A. I. McLaughlin	201.81	
Butchers Bill 802 lbs	97.17	
[381] Harpers bill for small Groceries	173.61	
Small Contingencies as pr Mr Mooneys Memorandum Book	280.50	
		753.09
October 31st		
Mr McLaughlin's bill for marketting	191.10	
Butchers Meat 985 lbs	93.69	
Harpers bill for small Groceries	114.33	
Small Contingencies from Mr Mooneys Memordm Book	385.22	
		784.34
1809		
January		
H Remmys Bill for marketting	242.48	
Bill for Butchers Meat 1304½ lbs	121.70	
S. B. Harpers Bill for small Groceries	137.93	
Small Contingencies from Mr Mooneys Memdm Book	445.20	
		947.31
April 30th		
H Remmys bill for marketting	275.21	
Bill for Butchers Meat 1610 lbs	170.27	
S. B. Harpers Bill for small Groceries	172.35	
Small Contingencies from Mr Mooneys Memdm Book	504.72	
		1122.55
July 31.		
H. Remmys Bill for marketting	294.35	
Bill for Butchers meat 967 lbs exclusive of small meats	130.98	
S. B. Harper for small Groceries	189.42	
Small Contingencies from Mr Mooneys Memdm Book	578.16	
Deduct for Butter which it is alledged ought to have been charged to another account	139.73	
	438.42	
		1053.17
Total amount of the above Bills for the four last Quarters		4990.79

The other Expences of the Middle House are [382] completely mingled with the Establishment at large, for which reason no estimate of them can be made that would not be altogether conjectural.

In former years the Committee find that the amounts charged for House Expences were usually from Seventy or Eighty to about 150 dollars pr quarter & never exceeding so far as the Committee learn

so much as 200 Dollars. The expences incurred by the present Commissioner for one month from the 18th Septr to the 18th Octr have been as follows.

Marketting	44.81
Small Meats for Middle House	8.
Small Contingencies	10.77
Small Groceries	33.33
	$96.91

It is remarkable with regard to certain articles of consumption that two separate amounts Viz an account for articles purchased in gross quantities & an account for the like articles purchased from day to day by retail have been progressing at the same time. This has been the case at least for a year & to what extent previous to that time the Committee have not the means to state as Mr Mooney's Memorandums are not preserved except for about a Year previous to August last.

To give a more particular view of the Charges for certain articles mostly of the Class of luxuries several of which were used exclusively & others chiefly in the Middle House the Committee annex the Statement C. shewing the quantities & prices of such articles for one year ending on the 31st day of July last which statement will also shew the [383] extent to which some articles have been purchased both in Gross & by Retail as abovementioned in the same quarters.

There are some expences in this institution for which from their nature regular vouchers are not expected to be furnished by the person receiving the monies. Accordingly it has been usual to admit the accounts for those expences upon the mere Statement of the Superintendant. Of this kind in the present accounts are the Charges for Marketting—Small Contingencies—Donations of Small sums of money to the poor applicants (partly without vouchers) and the small sums occasionally advanced to Mrs Mooney within the last year, of the particular employment of which no account is given. The Quarterly amounts of these Expences collectively stands thus.

1808		
April	30th	254.31
July	31	652.31
Octr	31	882.33
1809		
Jany	31	1159.20
April	30	1039.25
July	31	875.60

This Statement again presents the observation before made not only that the Items are beyond former precedent but that the amount even in Mr Mooneys time has increased, & that the Charges during the present year are throughout larger than those for the Corresponding quarters of the last year

It also presents this farther remark that considerable donations of money from Mr Mooney [384] became the less necessary & the less proper since the employment of Mr McPherson at a stated Salary for the express purpose of examining and reporting upon the situation of the out-door poor and distributing money for their relief. It is universally admitted that the giving of money is the worst method of relieving the poor, & in former years the Committee find that in several quarters no money whatever was given & in other cases less than twenty dollars Pr Quarter & in no case did the amount exceed 150 or 200 Dollars Pr quarter unless in times of unusual public distress. The following are the separate & total quarterly amounts of money distributed by Mr Mooney & Mr McPherson since the former entered upon his Office Viz

1808	By Mr Mooney	By Mr McPherson	Total
April 30th	138.73	165	308.73
July 31	170.	250	420.
Octr 31	306. 1	175	481. 1
1809			
Jany 31	449.52	781	1230.52
April 30	232.35	100	332.35
July 31	274.25	270	544.25

The Committee have shewn to Mr Mooney the most material of the several statements presented by this Report—they have fully stated to him the conclusions to which the facts might lead unless explained or answered; they have offered him the perusal of their Statements in order to examine the accuracy of them & they have given him a full and attentive hearing upon the whole subject.

[385] Mr Mooney has remarked as to the increased quantities of the articles consumed that it is accounted for by the great increase of the numbers of poor in the House & also of those from without who were relieved upon their application by occasional donations of Provisions. He also mentions the expences of the prisoners at work on the Roads, & on Governors Island & the increase of the Hospital Roome—And with regard to certain articles used in the middle house he States that the consumption of them has been much increased by the frequent meetings of the Corporation, & of Committees & of the

Commissioners of the Poor and of other persons attracted by business with them especially at particular seasons. And he intimates that the house had become too much a place of habitual resort for certain other persons. Of this the Committee have no knowledge nor any means to form a correct judgement and the different members of the Board will best know how far they have personally contributed to the Consumption of the articles alluded to.

There has doubtless been some increase in the number of the poor, the additional numbers were however mostly sent to Bellevue & a few to Bridewell And the expence of Bellevue as far as it can be ascertained is deducted from the Statement of Mr Mooneys Expenditure as is also his account for County Convicts, besides which the prisoners at labor would if not so employed have been at the Expence of this establishment. However the Committee are of opinion that some of these [386] Causes have to a certain degree increased the actual & necessary expence of the house during a part of the last year.

Mr Mooney has alledged with truth that the prices of Medecine & of some articles of Cloathing & of Groceries have increased during the last year. But the Committee doubt whether on the whole the supplies of articles of sustenance have been much dearer than formerly.

The length & severity of the last winter exhausted the Stock of fuel & made it necessary to purchase a further quantity at enhanced prices. It is also true that there has been during Mr Mooney's time some additional expences for small salaries to different officers.

It is proper to remark that the liquors mentioned in the annexed Statement include the Supplies prescribed for the sick. And with respect to several other articles mentioned in the Statement it is true that considerable quantities were usually distributed to some of the paupers who were considered as entitled to favor. But these causes do not appear to the Committee to justify the charges of so large quantities—especially in relation to the articles of Wine, spirits, Gin & Brandy—the Committee after a careful investigation of facts are compelled to say that the quantity charged amounting to upwards of twelve hundred Gallons in one year is unreasonable. It is more than four times the quantity consumed in the year next previous to 1804.

[387] The Committee find that the support of the poor as regards the necessaries of life has been very similar in Mr Mooneys time to previous usage Two or three articles of supply have been retrenched & in the use of some others the Committee believe there has been unnecessary profusion & some waste

The Committee have not accurate information of the Stock on

hand at the time when Mr Mooney came into the Alms House and left it—they have no evidence on the whole that the Stocks are very different except in the article of wood of which Mr Mooney left a good supply.

The Committee respectfully submit some principles which they conceive ought to govern the settlement of the accounts Viz.

1st That for such articles as have been actually purchased & distributed to the poor or towards their support the public are bound to pay even if it should appear that the supply has been injudicious or wasteful.

2d That no expences for the Middle house beyond those which are necessary for the more comfortable sustenance & refreshment of that family & of the officers attending on public business should be charged upon the fund appropriated to the poor & that no part of that fund should in any case be diverted to the support of hospitality or of luxury of any kind.

3d That as certain accounts have usually been audited upon the statement & memorandums of the Superintendant therefore a reasonable [388] Sum having due regard to the season of the year & other circumstances should be allowed to Mr Mooney for those accounts but that any excess beyond such reasonable sum & unsupported by vouchers ought to be submitted to the Judgement of the Board or to a reference by a rule of Court or other examination

The whole amount of the beforementioned expences peculiar to the Middle House added to the whole amount of small donations charged by Mr Mooney while in office is 6567 $^{33}/_{100}$ Dollars. The particulars of which that Sum is composed will appear from the annexed Statements. The Balance claimed by him to the 31st July last is Drs

Upon the whole view of this subject the Committee have not thought it right to take upon themselves the determination of the question whether any & how much of the balance claimed should be paid to Mr Mooney without farther investigation. They therefore have laid the foregoing facts & opinions before the Board for their decision thereon.

The accounts for the time subsequent to the 31st day of July last having not yet been examined may be made the subject of a separate Report if the Board shall so order.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Samuel M. Hopkins
Charles Dickinson
Adrian Hegeman.

[389] A.

Statement of the number of Paupers & the expence of the Alms House from the Year 1803 to July 31st 1809.

Date		Total Expense of A. House.			
1 Novr to 31. Octr	1802 1803	45'155	70	37'000	..
Do	1803 1804	45623	58	34'000	
31 Jany	1805	14594	89		
30th Apl	"	14731	80		
31 July	"	15771	65	11'000	
31 Octr	"	15'602		13000	
31 Jany	1806	17391	55	12'000	
30th Apl	"	13365	98	11724	11
31 July	"	13344	35	13000	..
31 Octr	"	12189	76	6308	45
31 Jany	1807	14055	21	11231	43
30.Apl	"	14331	29	11941	37
31 July	"	12417	67	11040	50
31 Octr	"	13409	40	11075	75
31 Jany	1808	13987	33	12081	34
30 Apl	"	13786	88	9000	..
31 July	"	19581	65	13000	..
31 Octr	"	18569	02	19782	2
31 Jany	1809	21066	54	17225	18
30th Apl	"	20372	35	20184	32
31 July	"	26691	57	19879	36

Average No of Paupers in the Alms House

From November	1803 to October	1804 763
"	1804 "	1805 874
" October	1805 to July	1806 920
" "	1806 "	1807 846
" "	1807 "	1808 935
" "	1808 "	1809 865

[390] B

Comparative Statement of Articles consumed

Articles	Quantity	1 Nov^{r} 1803 to 31 Oct^{r} 1804	1 Aug^{t} 1808 to 31 July 1809
Butter	lbs	2'919	
Cheese	lbs	104	
Soap	"	198	317
Wood	loads	1'090	1813
Coals	Chaldrons	61	
Buckwheat	Cw^{t}	4	1165 & 4
Rye Flour	bls	927	Cw^{t}
Middlings	bls		21
Wheat Flour	blls.	26	126
			Cw^{t} Q. lbs
Indian Meal	"	158	300. 1. 17
Corn	Bush^{s}	60	48
Bran	"	676	165
Shorts	"		782
Oats	"	406	630
Hay	Tons	31. 2. 0. 0	30. 3. 1. 0
Straw	bundles	1580	3674
Gin	Gall^{s}	34	266¾
Brandy	"	23	277½
Sherry Wine	"	137	455
Madeira do	"		016½
Rum	"	238	564
Tea	lbs	3248	5075
D^{o} Hyson	"		54
Sugar	"	4207	6939
Coffee	"	140	408
Chocolate	"	150	1 Box 250
Rice	"	4716	
Molasses	Gal^{s}	5377	6244
			Bb^{s}
Vinegar	bbls	23	25 & 221 G^{s}
Beef	lbs	104,717	154709
Pork	"	19386	
"	Bbls		30
Hogs			7
Lard	lbs	62	
Fish	Bbls	5	
Shad	"		600
Salt	Bushels	110	210
Potatoes	"	1189	1910
Turnips	"	445	105
Beans	"	12	
Milk	Quarts		1196
Buttermilk	"		5088

Date	Butter				Beef		Loaf Sugar				Tobacco & Segars	Trifles for Mrs Mooney
From 1 Augt to 30 Octr 1808	lbs in General a/c	lbs in Small a/c	Total lbs	Cost	lbs for Middle House	Cost	lbs in Genl a/c	lbs in Small a/c	Total lbs	Price	Small accts	From Small Acct
	436¾	.....	.....	101.76	985	93.69	57			11.99	31.78	32.70
		375	.....	94.47				2		44		
			811¾	.....					59			
From 1 Novr 1808 to 31 Jany 1809	1053			190.43	1304	121.70	66			14.36		22.00
		218		70.40		71		6		1.38	26.24	
		.....	1471				.....	.....	72			
from 1st Feby to 30 Ap: 1809	31½			5.91	1610½	170.27	66			14.23	26.85	27.00
from May 1 to July 30. 1809	15¾	.....	.....	4.93	967	130.93	67	.....	.....	13.99		
		516		131.51				8		2 .0	23.90	34.00
	.....	.....	531¾				.....	.....	75			

Carried Over & Continued.

Aug[t] 1[st] to 30. Oct[r] 1808	Brown Sugar					Coffee				Hyson Tea			
	G. a/c Hhd&B[s]	lbs	Small a/c			G[l] a/c lbs	Small a/c lbs	Total lbs	Price	G a/c lbs			
	2 Bbls 2 Hhds	 112	 8		224.89 14.49 1.0	84	 9	 93	23.3 2.83	12	....	....	16.50
1 Nov[r] 1808 31 Jan[y] 1809	2 Bb[s] & Box	 548	 109		38.44 41.50 56.54 16.7	112	 10	 122	32.88 3.15	18	 1	 19	26.25 1.50
1 Feb[y] to 30 Ap[l] 1809	2 Hhds	 112	 113		193.74 15. 15.78	84	 23	 107	24.96 7.10	12			18.75
May 1 to July 30. 1809		812	 63		61.81 8.03	56	 30	 86	15.45 9.42	12			18.00

Carried Over & Continued.

	Gin				Brandy & Spirits				Madeira
Date	Galls in Genl a/c	Qts in Small a/c	Totl Galls	Price	Galls in Genl a/c	Qts in Small a/c	Total Galls	Price	
1 Augt to 30th Octr 1808	60	32		50.38 14.89	117	4		175.48 1.70	4 14.0
	.....	.....	68		.....	.....	118		
1 Novr 1808 to 31 Jany 1809	3	42		4.87 18.23	37½ Spirits			64.87	3 9.0
	.....	.....	13½		34½		72	60.37	
1 Feby to 30th April 1809	103½			107.94	33			62.6	
		41		18.4		29		13.92	5½ 10.0
		.....	113¾			.....	40¼		
May 1 to July 30 1809	62			68.50 20.68	44			71.50 8.10	
		46				14			4 12.0
		.....	71½			.....	47½		

Ordered that the said Report be entered at length on the Minutes and that it lay for further consideration.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Engine Company N° 34

Peter Depew Cartman	Greenwich Street		Ezk[l] Boardman
Joseph Woods Grocer	above New Mar-	8th Wd	Wm Patterson
Philo Lewis Cooper	ket		Absalom Crawford

A Representation from James Hardie that the Necessaries of the Alms House required emptying, was presented—Ordered that he cause the same to be done.

The Superintendant of Repairs requested an advance of 450 dollars—Ordered that a Warrant issue to the Chairman of the Committee of Repairs for that sum.

[393] The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction of certain nuisances from N° 5159 to 5170 which were passed

On motion Resolved that John Robinson James Wallace William Johnson John Ferris William Southerland Simon Burtly & Israel Palmer sentenced to confinement in the City Prison at the last Court of General Sessions of the Peace held in and for this City be employed at work on the Public Roads under the direction of the Road Committee.

Resolved that the Sale of two Squares to the South of the State property & that on the East side of Collect Street be postponed and that the Committee report on the propriety of a Public Square.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures for opening Crosby Street to Bleecker Street.

Resolved that John S. Hunn the Street Commissioner report to this Board by the next meeting whether he has according to Law made Oath that all the Proprietors of Piers have been duly notified of the Building of Piers in forming of Slips, or if he has not to report why he has not.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures for causing the Waters to be conveyed or drained off from the Bowery road between North St[t] & Romaine Street.

The Street Commissioner recommended [394] that a Warrant issue to Halsey & Westervelt for $1000 on a/c of Bulk Head at Peck Slip Ordered that a Warrant issue for that sum.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay the following Accounts.

669	N. Lawrence City Watch	276.36
670	Wm Van Wart do	276.36
671	Wm Peterson do	276.36
672	James Snow do	276.36
673	Thomas Darling do	276.36
674	Isaac Anderson do	276.36
675	John S. Hunn Saly to 14th inst	375.
676	James Hardie do to 1 Novr	62.50
677	Mott Hicks do do	52. 0
678	A. Otterson do do	52. 0
679	E. Moran do do	52. 0
680	H. D. Tripp attdg Park to 20 inst	50.62
681	Peter Burtsell Stationary	113.95
682	James Woods repairs to Gaol	37.53
683	Do do Lamps	75.
684	Isaac Auld Lighting do to 11. Octr	967.50
685	Ithamar Bunker work on roads	33.75
686	J. O. Delavan paving between Harison & Reed Streets	28.97
687	Wm J. Castles for Pumps 2d Ward	73.68
688	Wm Allen for 2d Installmt piers East Fly Markt	783.
689	Justus Dearman balce of Corporation propn on Pier W. side Old Slip	2133.38
690	Halsey & Westervelt Bulkhead West side Peck Slip on acct	1000.
691	John Bingham Esqr Comee Repairs	450.
	Drs	7999. 4

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

November 6, 1809 to April 4, 1810

[1] In Common Council November 6. 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esq[r] Mayor
Jacob Mott Esq[r] Dep[y] Mayor

Peter Mesier Samuel M Hopkins James Drake John Bingham John D Miller Thurston Wood Mangle Minthorne	Esq[rs] Aldermen	John W Mulligan Adrian Hegeman Thomas J Campbell Isaac S Douglass Samuel Torbert Jasper Ward John Drake	Esq[rs] Assistants

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Roswell Graves, William Welling, and John A Haring were admitted to the Freedom of the City and Severally took the oath prescribed by Charter.

A Petition was received from Daniel French stating that he had made great improvement in the construction and use of Steam Engines for which Improvement he had obtained a Patent. That the improvement may be applied to Boats for the purposes of ferrying across Rivers and upon a Plan infinitely cheaper than any yet in use, that his Machinery is nearly ready for Exhibition and Experiment that when completed he would be desirous of leasing Paulus Hook Ferry and therefore prayed that the Board would defer granting a Lease of that Ferry until the Petitioner had had an opportunity of exhibiting his Machinery

A Petition was also received from [2] Elisha Morrill and Levi Kendell stating that they had obtained a Patent for an Invention which they b[e]lieved more powerful in its application to the working of any kind of machinery than any hitherto discovered that understanding that a lease was to be given for the Establishment of Steam Boats on the Ferry at Paulus Hook and believing their Invention Superior to all other discoveries, they requested the Board would investigate its merits, and if satisfied in the result; they would be willing to establish it on the several ferries of this City. Whereupon Resolved that the two foregoing applications be referred to the Committee on the application of Elisha Boudinot and others Proprietors in the Steam Engine Company Viz Aldermen Drake, Mesier & M[r] Torbert

A Petition was received from William Berrian and others for a Well in Thomas Street which was refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Superintender of Repairs with authoroty to make the usual allowance

A Petition was received from James Douglass and others praying payment of a Balance due to them for Curb Stone furnished by them for Rivington & Rynder Streets—ordered that the same be refered to Aldermen Drake, Mesier & Mr Hegeman

[3] A Petition was received from Ebenezer Whiting requesting that a small irregular Lot of ground at Brooklyn adjoining the house occupied by Benjamin Smith may be leased to him and was refered to the Comptroller

A Petition was received from Wm St Leger requesting that the ensuing Charter Election for the 5th Ward might be holden at his house and was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward

A Communication was received from the Commissioners appointed to lay out Canal Street Resolved that the same be refered to the following Committee with authoroty to act in the Premisses as they shall judge advisable Viz Aldn Bingham Mr Mullegan & Mr Torbert

A Letter was received from William Mooney late Superin[ten]dant of Alms House requesting that the Board would take no order upon the Report of the Committee in his case until the next meeting of the Board. Ordered that Mr Mooney be permitted to examine at the Alms House the Books of accounts lately kept by him as Superintendant

A Petition was received from Thomas Stagg Jr remonstrating against building the Bridge at Peck Slip from the west side to [4] the middle Pier. Ordered that the same be refered to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition was received from Doctor David Hosack stating that he intended to make an application to the Legislature at the next Session soliciting them to purchase the Botanic Garden in order that the same may be connected with the Medical Schools of this City. That Previous to this application he was desirous of freeing the Ground from the Quit Rent which is now paid to the Corporation. That having been necessarily led to very great and unexpected expences in the improvement of those Grounds and those being for purposes of Public utility he hoped the Board would freely relinquish to him the Quit Rent, but if they supposed a precuniary compensation from him was proper, he begged they would ascertain what that should be. Where-

upon it was resolved that the same be refered to. Alderman Hopkins Bingham & Mr Torbert

A Memorial was received from William J. Creed resigning his Station as Apothecary to the Alms House and requesting compensation for having acted as Physician to Belle vue and to the Convicts employed on the Highway. Resolved that the same be refered to Alderman Mott, Miller & Mr Douglass

[5] A Petition was received from Rodman Bowne praying an extension of his Lease of the Ferry at Catharine Slip which was refered to the Ferry Committee

A Petition was received from Nicholas Stevens to be appointed a Butcher and to be assigned to Stall No 9 Fly Market and also a Petition from William White praying to be removed from No 5 Duane Market to No 18 Hudson Market. Ordered that the said Petitions be refered to the Market Committee.

A Petition was received from the Washington Mutual Assurance Company praying that their Surveyor might be appointed a Fire Warden of this City—Ordered that the same be refered to the Fire Department

A Petition was received from Lewis Webb and Joseph Webb praying for a water Grant opposite property they have lately purchased at the corner of Clarkson & Washington Streets on the Hudson river which was refered to the Comptroller

The Market Committee to whom was refered the Petition of Henry Ehrenfrizt praying for the Stall No 2 in Grand Street Market, reported that in their opinion the prayer of the petition should be granted which was confirmed

[6] A Report was received from the Police office that Capt Van Wart returned. that he had suspended Daniel Sherwood one of his Watchmen for being drunk on his Post. That Capt Darleing had returned that he had suspended John Felter for being intoxicated and John Joseph for being a sleep on his Post. That Capt Anderson had returned that he had suspended Abraham Delancy for being asleep on his Post. Ordered that the said Returns be refered to the Watch Committee

The Finance Committee presented the following Report. that agreeably to resolutions of the Board, the sale of sundry Lots of Ground on Broad Way, White Street and Elm Street in the vicinity of

the Collect commenced on Wednesday the 1st Inst at the City Hall and the following is the result

James Morris	X	White Street	$570		
" "	W.	" "	455		
" "	U	" "	435		
" "	V	" "	425		
" "	A.	Broad Way	3330		5215
Thomas S Clarkson	T	White Street			400
Jacob Appley	S	" "	660		
" "	R	Corner "	1100		
					1760
James Drake	Q	White Street	1040		
" "	P.	Elm "	730		
" "	O	" "	645		
					2415
Isaac Kipp	N	" "			700
				Ds	10,490
[7] Peter A Jay	M	White Street	940		
" Do	N	Ditto	1060		
" "	K	Do	1010		
" "	J	Do	1100		
Ditto	H	Ditto	1210		
					5320
John D Miller	E	Broad Way	3010		
Ditto	D	Ditto	3015		
Do	C	Do	3685		
					9710
				Dollars	25,520

The Lot marked B South corner of Broad Way and White Street, was bid in by the Committee for Ds 3,800, which sum has since been offered for it, by a person who will pay Two thousand dollars in Cash the rest in instalments agreeably to the conditions of sale.

The Board will judge of the expediency of acceding to the offer as above mentioned

Signed
John Bingham
James Drake
Thomas J Campbell
Jasper Ward

Whereupon Resolved that the Committee be authorised to sell said Lot marked B for the sum of 4,000 Dollars

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward to whom was committed the subject of the Cession of Bleecker Street reported, that they

are of opinion that the Street Commissioner ought to receive such deed in behalf of this Board. The Committee further report that the Street Commissioner be directed to agree with Mr Bleecker for the [8] opening of Crosby Street to Bleecker Street, by having the same valued by a Jury, and that he treat with the present Tenant for the damage the same may cause to his garden. and that if he can make such arrangements that he will immediately open said Street. That the Street Commissioner take immediate measure for opening Mott Street to the intended Bleeker Street

Signed Thurston Wood
Jasper Ward

Which was confirmed

The Committee to whom was refered a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Village of Greenwich requesting that a Watch might be established in said Village

Reporterd that they are of opinion that a branch taken from the third watch District, a small watch might be granted to that Village and to include in said District so to be made the Settlement round Spring Street Market. If the following arrangement should be thought adviseable there will in that case be no additional expence for Watchmen. The 2 Men that now stand at the Spring Street Market to be considered as part of said intended watch, also the 8 Men that are now the Patrole at the Village would become standing men and by taking 4 from the Patrole in the lower Watch where they are not wanted would make [9] a sufficient Watch without any additional expence to the Public, only for a foreman a room for the Watch and fuel. The Committee further believe that such Watch ought to be considered as a Branch of the watch of the third district

Thurston Wood
Signed John Bingham
Mangle Minthorne

Which Report was confirmed and said Committee authorised to carry the same into effect

The Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward to whom was refered the subject of the Main Sewer in Roosevelt Street Reported that they are of opinion that the Sewer ought to be immediately commenced and that money be borrowed of Simeon Skillan one of the Assessors for the purpose of paying off the workmen who has consented to lend the sum of Six hundred dollars upon legal Interest provided the interest is paid on the whole sum from the date of the first payment. The Committee

are further of opinion that the Interest ought to be charged upon the assesment and that the payment be made under the inspection of the Alderman of the fourth ward. To all which they sollicit the sanction of the Board

Signed James Drake
Adrian Hegeman

Which Report was agreed to

[10] The Council & Attorney of the Board to whom was refered the Petition of Zophar R Jarvis Reported That from an examination of the precept for opening Broad Way and also a Deed from Mr Dunham for the premises in question to the Corporation, it evidently appears that part of the Improvements of Mr Dunham do project into Broad Way. To what extent this projection exists the undersigned could not determine as they had not the assistance of a Surveyor.

The Common Council having refered the Petition of Mr Jarvis to the undersigned with Instructions to take measures for the removal of the buildings in question it is respectfully suggested that a Survey be immediately made of the same, that the extent of the encroachment may be accurately ascertained.

All which &c
Signed James Woods
Samuel Cowdery

Which was confirmed and the Survey therein mentioned directed to be forthwith made

The Comptroller on the Petition of Isaac A Van Hook Reported that the only question which admits of doubt, is the charge of Ten Dollars Cou[n]sel fee, in addition to the sum taxed of $33.48.

From respectable authority it has been intimated that this fee is not usual on [11] occasions of this kind; but as the subscriber is not sufficiently acquainted with the nature of the transaction to decide on the legality of the charge in question, he respectfully submits the decision to the Board, as to the account which ought to be allowed.

Signed G N Bleecker Compt[l]er

Whereupon ordered that a Warrant issue to I. A Vn Hook for the amount of his bill exclusive of the charge of Counsel fee the warnt to be for 33.48/100 Dollars

The Comptroller on the application of Stephen Hitchcock to be allowed an Account against him for Costs of suit in the case of Silas Carman of Long Island, for Manure sold to him while Mr Hitchcock was Superintendent of Streets, and which has not been charged in the

settlement of his account Reported that It appears reasonable to allow the amount which is $5.^{5}\%_{100}$ and if approved by the Board a warrant might issue accordingly

Respectfully submitted
Signed G. N. Bleecker Comp^tler.

Whereupon ordered that a Warrant issue to him for D^s 5.$^{5}\%_{100}$

[12] The Comptroller on the Petition of Patrick M^cKoy for permission to transfer his Lease of N^o 17 Colden Street to Richard P Lawrence and to have a new Lease to himself for Lot N^o 17 adjoining reported that the prayer of Petitioner be granted, which was confirmed.

The Ferry Committee on the compensation which was to be made to Jacob M^cKeag Lessee of Horns Hook ferry reported that by a former resolution of this Board the Corporation agreed to pay the said M^cKeag the value of a House that he was directed to build, and the time for the valuation was fixed for the first of May last; and M^r M^cKeag wishes to have the valuation made

The Ferry Committee recommend the appointment of the Superintendent of repairs and John M^cComb Ju^r on the part of the Corporation to meet a Carpenter and Mason to be appointed on the part of J. M^cKeag to make the Valuation; with power to choose an umpire in case of disagreement

James Drake
Signed Samuel Torbert
John Bingham

Which was confirmed

*The Street Commissioner in obedience to the direction of the Board reported that he had caused notices respecting runing out Piers to be published in the New[s]papers and he enclosed the affidavit that he had made of the fact. Ordered that the said affidavits be refered to the Counsil of the Board to know whether they are made conformably to Law

The Street Commissioner presented a Conveyance from M^r Peter Goelet for his Rights on the Easterly side of the Pier on the West side of the Exchange Slip, which had been examined by the Counsel of the Board.

Ordered that the same be recorded & filed in the Comptrollers office.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for the Sewer

* New page not numbered.—ED.

in Gouverneurs Lane which was confirmed and Henry Van Pelt was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Essex Street from Grand Street to Delancy Street, which was confirmed and Isaac Keeler was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner to whom was refered the communication from the Assessors appointed to make an assessment for opening Walker Street reported that according to the opinion of the Council of the Board some time [14] since presented to the Common Council it is not in the power of the Corporation to release an assessor from the duties assigned to him after his qualification unless he should be considered interested, and this opinion seems to be founded on the best moral principles, the reverse of which would continually retard the operations of Society.

The Street Commissioner therefore renews his recommendation of Joseph Dederer as an Assessor in lieu of William Hillyer (interested) and recommends that the Assessors already qualified be directed to perform their duty.

All which is respectfully Submitted

Signed Jn° S Hunn

Which was confirmed

The Street Commissioner by the advice of the Inspector recommends that Warrant for $1000 be directed to issue to Daniel Woolsey for his second Instalment on the Pier at Burling Slip. And that the Mayor sign a Bond to such person or persons as the proprietors may direct for 1783 D^s^ including the above and 783 Dollars directed at the last meeting of the Board in favor of Walter Allen. Which [15] was agreed to and that the Interest be at 7 P^r^ Cent

The Street Commissioner presented the following respecting trees in Broad Way. That M^r^ Samuel Burling has offered to furnish as many Poplar trees of a suitable size, as may be necessary to line Broad Way from Leonard to Art Street on both sides provided the Corporation will remove them at their expence.

The Street Commissioner has consulted a number of the proprietors of Lots, and find them exceedingly anxious to accept of the liberal offer of M^r^ Burling and one of them has offered to cart a great portion of them at his expence.

This arrangement will be a great additional beauty to Broad Way the pride of our City, and as the cost of digging up and planting them cannot be much and this is the proper season and also a suitable time

while the Curb Stones are laying. The Street Commissioner suggests the propr[i]ety of the Board directing the same to be done under his inspection and the expence charged upon the assessment which is not yet made out

All which &
Signed John S Hunn

Which was confirmed

[16] The Superintendent of Streets reported that he discontinued the employment of the Bell Carts sin[c]e the first of the present month which was approved of.

Resolved that the following persons be a Committee to examine and report at the next meeting of the Board what persons who are now employed in the Street Department it would be proper to discharge Viz Alderman Drake, Mesier & Mr Campbell

Resolved that the Watch Committee be authorised to purchase the House at the corner of Beach Street & Chapple St lately owned by William J Waldron to be applied to the purpose of a Watch House

The Street Commissioner requested leave of absence for a few days which was granted

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause notices to be served upon the occupants of part of North Street to remove their buildings and fences from off the Street between the Bowery and Orchard *Orchard* Street without delay

[17] Resolved that the Committee on Laws and Ordinances be requested to revise the Sunday Law and report whether in their opinion any, and what amendment ought to be made therein.

Resolved that the Alderman & Assistant of the 2nd Ward be added to the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board on the Petition of R V Morris & Gilbert Robinson in behalf of the devisees of Jacob Walton & Isaac Gouverneeur deceased.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay

James Blackledge for services at Powder House Prison	.....	436.47
Roosevelt Graves for himself & Assistants	.....	333.75
William Willis for Coroners Salury	.....	124.72
William J Walden for one Quarters Salury	.....	168.00
Amos Rooke keeper of Signal Poles	.....	82.50
William P Roome Keeper of Potters Field	.....	31.
P Paulding & T Freeborn for executing Sunday [law] in 6th Ward	..	26.
John Allen & M Oakley Do	..	18.
L Osborn & W French Do	..	8.
James Patten for repg pumps in 4th Ward	.....	96.24
J L Jaycox.....Ditto in 3 & 5 Do	.....	65.50

H Hillman basins for Pumps	27.53
William Gowdy Intersection of Grand St & Bowery	40.
Agness McGee for Receiving Collect Tickets	8.95
S. Hictchcock for Costs of suit paid	5.50
I. A Van Hook Costs of suit vs McDermott	33.48
D Woolsey 2nd Instalment. Burling Slip Pier	1000.
Dollars	2505.64

[18] In Common Council November 13—1809

Present De Witt Clinton Esqr Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Depy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John W Mulligan	Assistants
Samuel M Hopkins		Benjamin Haight	
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
John Bingham		Thomas J Campbell	
John D Miller		Isaac S Douglass	
Thurston Wood		Samuel Torbert	
Mangle Minthorne		Jasper Ward	
		John Drake	

The *Minuets* [Minutes] of the last Meeting were read and approved.

This being the period of the quarterly Visitation of the Alms House and the Bridewell the Board prooceded to make the accustomed Visit and Inspection. Upon the return of the Members the following business was transacted

The Board agreeably to the Act in such case made and provided proceeded to appoint Inspectors to superinte[n]d the Anual Election of Charter Officers to be holden on the 21, 22 & 23 days of November instant and also to designate the places at which the Polls for the several Wards [19] should be holden.

First Ward

George Brinckerhooff Jeromus Johnson Samuel Tooker	Poll to be held at the City Hall

Second Ward

Elias Nexen William Slosson John Clendenning	Poll to be held at Samuel F Randolphs Fair Street

Third Ward

Thomas W Gilbert Peter W Radcliff John L Vn Kleeck	Poll to be held at Colemans Tavern Fair Street

Fourth Ward

Elkanah Doolittle
Robert Dodge
George Clock of Cherry Street

Poll to be held at Plumes Tavern N° 259 W^m Street

Fifth Ward

Samuel L Mitchell
Joshua Barker
George Ireland

Poll to be held at John Hatfields corner of Church and Leonard Streets

Sixth Ward

Stephen Ludlum
Leonard Seaman
Stephen Price

Poll to be held at Lyons Hotell Mott Street

[20] Seventh Ward

John Youle
James Dobbins
Charles Dickinson

Poll to be held at James Mitchells N° 229 Cherry St.

Eighth Ward

Garret Gilbert
Philip M. Ardle
Joseph Watkins

Poll to be held at Thomas Kossells

Ninth Ward

Gerard Beekman
Jacob Shute
Jacobus Dykeman

Poll to be held at Anthony Smith's Ta^v

Tenth Ward

Ephraim Brasher
Benjamin Thurston
Alexander Finck

Poll to be held at Daniel Tiers Bowery Lane

An application was received from William Bayard stating that the Lamp which was fixed at his House at N° 7 State Street and which was formerly lighted by the Public, has not lately been lighted and requesting that one might be lighted in its place. Ordered that the same be refered to the Lamp Committee

[21] A Petition was received from the Owners of Lots East side of First Street between Broome & Grand Streets praying permission to lay the Curb Stone and to fill in the side walk with sand.

Ordered the same be complied with under the direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition was received from William Sickels praying to be relieved from a fine for incumbering the Street.

Ordered that the prayer be granted on payment of Costs

A Petition of John Higgins was received stating that he was the purchaser of a Lease of a Lot of ground adjoining his place of resi-

dence which at the Sale had been unfairly bid upon against him to an extravagant price and praying a reduction of the rent

Ordered that the Same be refered to Alderman Miller Wood & Mr Douglass

[22] A Petition was received from Messerve & Everett Butchers stating that they had a Demand against the Alms House for meat furnished by order of the late Superintendent to the Amount of 1662 5/100 Dollars and praying payment of the same.

Ordered that the same be refered to the Committee appointed to examine and settle the Accounts of William Mooney the late Superintendent of the Alms House and that they audit the same. And Resolved further that the said Committee transfer the Warrant of 4,000 dollars granted to them on the 18th September last to the Commissioners of the Alms House to be applied by them in discharge of the Accounts against that Institution

A Petition was received from Ephraim Lockwood requesting that the Gore of Land between the New York Free School and Gunsmiths Shop and the Goal might be leased to him. On motion the same was rejected.

A Petition of William Dusenberry to be permitted to sell small meats by the Joint in Hudson Market and a Petition from J Bradley to be assigned to No 7 in Exchange Market—were severally refered to the Market Committee.

[23] A Petition was received from Theodorus Bailey & Elbert Anderson Jur stating that they had purchased the Lease of Lots No 11 & 12 Chatham Street at the Corporation Sales, but that possession was not given of them for more than three months after the Sale and requesting on that Account an abatement of ground rent. Ordered that the same be refered to the Comptroller and Attorney of the Board.

An Application was received from the Commissioners of the Alms House for the Sum of 4,000 Dollars. Ordered that a Warrant issue in their favor for that Sum.

A Request was received from Jacob Cholwell that the Interest of Bond given by the Board to Miller & Baker and assigned to him might be paid. Ordered that the same be refered to the Comptroller.

And Resolved further that the Compt[r]oller report as to the expediency of paying the Interest on those Bonds given for Canal Street.

An Account of Abraham Lozier and others Marshalls for enforcing Sunday Laws was presented Amounting to 46 Dolls. Ordered that Warrant issue for payment of the same

[24] An Account of the Commissioners of the Alms House was presented wherein the expenditures from the 18th September to 31 of October last were stated at 6404.96/100 Dollˢ

Ordered that the same be refered to the Comptroller.

An Account of John Anderson for proportion of the Corporation for Bulk head between Stanton & Rivington Streets in making Goerick Street amounting to 1,800 Dollars was received and refered to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

An Application was received from J Bingham Esqr Treasurer of the Committee of Repairs requesting that a Committee might be appointed to settle the Superintendent of Repairs Account. Ordered that the said account be examined and audited by the Comptroller

A Communication was received from Alderman Drake stating that Mr Skilling who had agreed to advance the money for completing the Drain in Roosevelt Street now declined advancing it. Whereupon Resolved that Alderman Drake be requested to advance that sum and that the same terms be given to him as were offered to Mr Skilling

[25] The Committee to whom was refered the Communication of the Street Commissioner of the 30th Ulto on the subject of the pavement in Bayard Street reported that an Ordinance ought to be passed directing Mr Lynch to fill in his ground to a considerable distance, which was confirmed.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Nicholas Stephens reported that they conceived it improper to countenance a trade in Stalls and think it improper to consent to any transfer where money is agreed to be given in consideration thereof and as said application appears of that description they think it ought not to be granted, which was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was refered the Resolution of the Board respecting the persons now employed in the Street Department who should be discharged, Reported that the services of the following persons were not wanted, and recommended that they be discharged Viz Casparus Romaine Peter V Tilyou Mott Hicks Henry Shute James Trip

Which was agreed to excepting, Mott Hicks who was directed to be still employed

[26] The Committee on the opening of Chatham Street reported, that agreeably to an order of the Board they have obtained a Deed from Peter Bonnett for three Lots of ground in Chatham Street and one Lot in Augustus Street, which Lots were sold to him the 22nd

May last according to a resolution of the Board, and the Bond which he then gave for them has been cancelled.

The Deed from Mr Bonnett has been examined by the Counsel of the Board and approved of, and is herewith presented

Signed John Bingham
Jas Drake
Saml M Hopkins

Which was agreed to and the said Deed was directed to be recorded & filed in the office of the Comptroller

The Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Company No 20 reported as their opinion that 4 men be added to said Compy and on Petition of No 27 they likewise reported that 4 men be added to that Company which were severally agreed to.

Upon the Petition of the Mutual Assurance Company they reported that they saw no objections to complying with the request of the said Company but conceived it not properly within their duty. Whereupon resolved that the said Petition and report be refered to the Committee on Laws & Ord[i]nances to [27] *to* draft an Ordinance empowering the appointment in said Petition requested

The Attorney of the Board on the several Petitions of Jacob Mc-Keag Jb Bedell William White & James Ferris praying remission of fines reported in favor of Petitioners which was confirmed. On the Petition of George Riker he reported that one half the Penalty should be remitted which was agreed to, and upon the Petition of John Hutchings praying relief for Costs incured in consequence of removing Vagrant he reported that the costs ought to be allowed Petitioner, which was agreed to and a Warrant ordered to issue for 11.$^{71}/_{100}$ Dollars

The Counsel of the Board to whom was refered the Communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of the Affidavits to be made on noticing Proprietors to Erect Piers reported for the consideration of the Board the propriety of inserting in the affidavits the names of the Publisher of the Newspapers with their respective titles and for that purpose propose the following amendment. After the words printed in the City of New York, insert.

That is to say
published by
and Published
by

Which is nevertheless with due deference submitted Which was agreed to Signed James Wood

[28] Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of B Skates for 80 Dollars to purchase fuel for Watch House at Gree[n]wich

Resolved that the following be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for celebrating the Aniversary of the Evacuation of the City by the British Troops Viz Alderman Mott Mesier Bingham & City Inspector

A motion was made that the Committee be limited in the expences of the Celebration to 300 Dollars which passed in the negative. The same Committee were authorised to furnish to the Military who should be under arms on the 25 Ins[t] the necessary Supply of ammunition.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Streets cause the Lime Houses in the Bowery to be immediately removed

A Communication was received from W[m] Mooney which he requested might be read and returned to him. The same was accordingly read and returned

[29] The following Persons were appointed Fireman, the Chief Ingineer certi*fi*fying corresponding Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N[o] 21

John Dodge Accountant N[o] 188 Pearl 2[nd] v Augustus Wright resg[d]

N[o] 23

Moses Marsh Carpenter N[o] 51 White 5[th] v Philip E Ruckle resg[d]

N[o] 5

Robert Bowne White Grocer N[o] 57 John 2[nd] v W[m] Spencer resig[d]

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry measures from N[o] 5171 to 5180 which were ordered to pass

Accounts Audited Nov 13. 1809

N Lawrence	City Watch	D[s]	276.36
William Van Wart	Do		276.36
James Snow	Do		276.36
William Peterson	Do		276.36
Thomas Darling	Do		276.36
I Anderson	D		278.12
Watson & Campbell Timber to Superintendent of Repairs for Public use to 2[d] November			161.85
G Cosine for Lime to & for Do			25.62
Samuel Kip Sundries for Bellevue dock			6.50
Mat[w] Dickeman rep[g] Pumps in 6, 8 & 10 W[d]			123.59
John Fine	Do in first Ward		80.37
William Butler	Do in 1, 2 & 3. Do		53.31

Amount Brot over.....	Ds 2111.16
[30] B M Van Beuuren overseer of Roads to 1st November Instant..	347.59
Samuel B Waldron Ditto Do ..	320.93
Isaac Auld Lighting Lamps and furnishing Oil to Public Buildings to 1 November 1 Month.....	1381.50

Warrants Ordered

To Commissioners of Alms House for Superintendent of institution..	4000.
N Lozier for Self & A Collard, C. E. Kelly, J Altemus for executing Sunday Law	46.
John Hutchins for removing a Vagrant.....	11.71
B Skaates for fuel.....	80.
Dollars	8298.89

[31] In Common Council November 16. 1809

Present De Witt Clinton Esqr Mayor
Jacob Mott. Esqr Depy Mayor

Bingham	Aldermen	Mulligan	Assistants
Minthorne		Douglass	
Wood		Ward	
Fish		Campbell.	
Hopkins		Jno Drake	
		Haight	

The Mayor informed the Board that he had summond this Special Meeting for the supplying the places of several persons who had resigned the office of Inspectors for the ensuing Charter Election

The Resignations of William Slosson of the 2nd Ward of Stephen Ludlum of the 6th Ward of Charles Dickinson of the 7th Ward of Alexander Fink of the 10 Ward were severally received.

Alderman Fish also informed the Board that Gerard Depeyster who had been appointed Inspector for the 9th Ward was absent from the City and that [32] Jacob Shute who had been appointed for said Ward was not a resident of the Ward.

Whereupon the Board appointed the following persons to supply the places of the aforegoing Gentlemen

2nd Ward

John Bloodgood v William Slosson

6th Ward

George Gardner v Stephen Ludlum

7th Ward

Benjamin S Knapp v Charles Dickerson

9th Ward

Valentine North v Gerard Depeyster
Henry Post v Jacob Shute

10 Ward

George Lord v Alexander Finck

[33] In Common Council November 20—1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Depy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John W Mulligan	Assistants
Samuel M Hopkins		Benjamin Haight	
James Drake		Adrian Heggeman	
John Bingham		Thomas J Campbell	
John D Miller		Samuel Torbert	
Thurston Wood		Jasper Ward	
Mangle Minthorne		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from Christian Borges stating that he had been called upon by the Collector of the 4th Ward for the sum of 13 Dollars and some Cents which were assessed upon a House fronting Chatham Street, that the house was in July last destroyed by fire which was the cause of great loss and distress to Petitioner and praying to be relieved from the Assessment

Ordered that the same be refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward.

[34] A Petition was received from the Freeholders on the East side Pecks Slip remonstrating against the Erection of the contemplated Bridge on the west side which was refered to the following Committee and the former Committee appointed on the same subject wer[e] Discharged from the further consideration of the same Committee, Aldermen, Mesier, Fish &. Minthorn

The folg communication from James Drake Esquire was received with a Map accompanying the same, stating that he did purchase of the Corporation at Auction the Lots of ground, corner of Elm & White Streets being 103½ feet on White Street & 62 feet 9 Inches on Elm Street; since which, on reflection he thinks if the Lots fronted on White insted of Elm Street, they would be more pleasant, fronting the sun, and being about purchasing the Lots adjoining his on Elm Street, bought by Mr Kipp, and as the Deeds are not yet made out, he Solicits the Board to so alter the Line of his Lots as that they may be

made to front on White Street, the corner Lot to contain 19 feet 6 Inches and four others to contain 21 feet each, which will make 103 feet 6 inches on White Street and about 84 feet on Elm Street at [35] 8 Bushels of wheat each. And as on the view the subscriber takes of the property he thinks it can be no disadvantage to the Board he therefore prays the Board may grant his request

Signed James Drake

Whereupon resolved that the request be complied with

A Petition was received from Stephen Hitchcock Contractor for Street Manure requesting permission to deposit during the Winter Season, Manure at the Dock oposite the S. W. end of the Battery, on the vacant ground at the W. side Beekman Slip, and at the head of Charlotte Slip

Ordered that the same be refered to Aldermen Mesier Mr Ward &. Campbell

A Petition was received from the Inhabitants East side of Rutgers Street praying for an additional number of Lamps, which was refered to the Lamp Committee.

A similar Petition was received from the Inhabitants of DeLancy Street which was also refereed to the Lamp Committee

[36] An Application from Jno L F Randolph to be appointed Apothecary to the Alms House was received and refereed to Aldermen Mott Mr Mulligan & Mr Douglass

A Petition from Nicholas Stevens to be appointed a Butcher and to be assigned to No 9 Fly market was read and refered to the Market Committee

A Petition from Nathaniel C Hait for the remission of a fine for selling Liquor without Licence was read and refered to the Attorney of the Board.

The Comptroller to whom was committed the examination of the Account of Daniel Phoenix Esqr late Treasurer reported that he had examined the Accounts of Danl Phoenix Esqr late Treasurer, as they stand on the Books in his office, and has closed the same by a balance of errors Thirty Dollars & Ninety Six Cents. This trivial difference has inadvertendly occured in the lapse of about Seven Years the time when the first entries were made in the Comptrollers Department

Respectfully Submitted

Signed G N Bleecker Comp

Which was agreed to

[37] The Comptroller upon the application of Jacob Cholwell for payment of the Interest on the Bond given Miller & Baker reported that in addition to the former reports on this Subject, particularly the last recommending the suspension for the present of all payments on Bonds similarly circumstanced with the above mentioned, and which received the confirmation of the Board; it will be proper to mention that from information obtained of the Commissioners on Canal Street, the business is progressing with all possible celerity, and it is expected that shortly the Assessments will be completed and ready for collection. As the subscriber perceives no reason for altering the opinion which he had the honor lately to submit to the Board on this subject and as a departure from a late decision, in favor of any individual, might incur the Supposition of partiality and instability derogatory to the dignity of the Corporation it is respectfully Submitted, that they adhere to their former resolutions, on applications of a similar nature with the present

Signed G N Bleecker Comptr

Which was confirmed

[38] The Comptroller to whom was refered the Accounts of the Superintendent of Repairs, reported that he had examined the *the* Accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendent of Repairs, with the amounts paid at Sundry times by Warrants in favor of John Bingham Esq^{r} Chairman of the Committee of Repairs, by which it appears that from the 18th of April to 27 December 1808 there has been expended $901.6, and from 3^{d} January to 16 November 1809—$3277.63½

Total 4178.69½

M^{r} Roome has received for sundries $42.25 which deducted from the above will leave $4136.44½ expended by him.

The amount paid to the Chairman is 4150 D^{s} leaving a balance of $13.55½ due by the Superintendent of Repairs to the Corporation to this day.

Signed G N Bleecker Cop^{r}

Which was confirmed

The Lamp Committee to whom was committed the examination of the Accounts of Jacob Cholwell late Contractor for Lamps presented a report—A Remonstrance against the said report was received from Jacob Cholwell

[39] Whereupon Resolved that the said Report and the Remonstrance of said Cholwell be refered back to the said Committee with authority to adjust and settle the account of said Cholwell a War-

rant to G. C. M for services to Lamp Committee for 10 Dollars as mentioned in report of the Committee was directed to be issued.

The Committee to whom was refered the account of Doctor William J Creed late Apothecary of the Alms House for extra attendance of the Paupers at Bellevue and the Convicts on the Road reported that in their opinion a Warrant ought to issue for payment of same amounting to 200 Dollars which was confirmed

The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of John Higgins presented a report in favor of said Petitioner, which together with the Petition was directed to be refered to the Comptroller.

The Committee to whom was refered the following Communication of the Commissioners for laying out Canal Street of the 6th inst now reported that in their opinion it is proper for the Corporation to authorise [40] the Commissioners to sell or exchange the strip of land mentioned therein provided that it be done on such terms that the Corporation shall receive therefor at least the full amount at which it was valued when taken for Canal Street clear of any abatements or incumbrances whatever

Signed John Bingham
John W Mulligan
Samuel Torbert

Which was confirmed

The following was the communication alluded to in said report

To the Honorable the Mayor, Recorder Aldermen, & Commonality of the City of New York in Common Council convened

The Commissioners appointed to lay out Canal Street having judged it for the Public Interest to alter the direction of said Street, from the one formerly Contemplated, and by so doing there will be left a strip of Ground on the North East side of said Street, formerly purchased by the Corporation and which will not now be required for the use of said Street. The Commissioners are of the opinion that in most cases, where Individuals own on both sides of the Street there will be no difficulty in making an Equitable exchange but in some instances that may perhaps be impracticable. The Commissioners perceive by [41] the Law under which they act that the Ground obtained by altering the direction of Canal Street belongs to the Corporation over which the Commissioners have no Controll and at the same time they are directed and required to make out a just and true estimate of all the expences that has or may occur, and to assess the same on those who are deemed to be

benefited by the said street The Commissioners conceive that the Law under which they act does not authorise or warrent them in purchaseing or paying for more Ground than what will be wanted for said Street, and here a doubt might arise whether the spirit of the Law would not require them to deduct the price or value of the Ground which may be left from the sum total of expence, under this view of the subject the Commissioners beg leave to suggest to your Honorable Body the propriety of entering into some arrangement to remove the difficulty above stated, either by empow[er]ing a Committee of your own Body or the Commissioners to negociate with several Individuals concerned and to adjust exchange or sell the above described strip of Land. All which is respectfully Submitted

Sam[l] Russel
Signed W[m] H Ireland
Dan[l] J Ebbets

[42] The Committee to whom was refered the Account of John Pintard for indexing the Minutes of the Common Council reported, that they have examined with considerable satisfaction and pleasure the Index made by your late Secretary to Volumes N° 8. 9. 10. & 11 of the Minutes, and approve of the Style and manner of his performance as admirably calculated to render a reference to the subject, they contain easy and perspicuous, and recommend as a Compensation therefor, the issuing a Warrant in his favor for $228 Dollars being at the moderate rate of 3 Dollars p[r] day while actually engaged in the above service

Your Committee beg leave further to observe that from the changeable character of the Board a want of knowledge relative to antecedent transactions must frequently occur in New Members; and that consequently a luminous and copious Index to the Minutes from the conclusion of the Revolutionary War up to the present time, would be requisite if not indispensably necessary. To acquire without such a guide, the history of subjects on which *on which* the Board may be called to Act, will require great [43] Sacrifice of time and Labor. And should the contentions of party (which is not improbable) entirely change the Members, how can business progress, or how can an acquaintance with the circumstances of previous Measures be had, except by a refference to preceding Acts of the Board

To complete an Index for the period before mentioned, there only remains yet to be done, six Volumes, to Wit from N° 12 to 17 in-

clusive for N° 18 & 19 were completely Indexed by M^r Pintard while acting as Clerk, and for which he makes no seperate charge

Presuming therefore that the finishing of so necessary a work, would be very desireable, and believing M^r Pintard from his acquaintance with the minutes and apt capacity to this object, better qualified than any other person, do take the liberty to recommend the completion of the business to be assigned to him: and that for an Index to be made in a stile and manner similar to what we have examined to the residue six Volumes, he be allowed three hundred dollars to be paid when the whole is perfected

And your Committee as advised respectfully Submit

Signed Peter Mesier
Adrian Hegeman

Which was confirmed—an account of John Pintard [44] for Colours loaned to the Corporation Amounting to 60 Dollars was presented and ordered that a Warrant issue for payment of the same

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of Rodman Bowne for extension of his lease of Catharine Market Ferry reported to the Board that Rodman Bowne took the Lease of the Catherine Street Ferry directly after M^r Ammermans Death, for and during M^r Ammermans Lease, and as the Boats were considerably out of repair and the Lease expiring on the first of February *18011* [1811] which make two winters and one Summer and the Board of health having interdicted intercours the best part of last Summer & fall and as M^r Bowne is willing to relinquish any claim for the disadvantage of the interdiction of the Board of health, we recommend the Board add one year and three Months to the present Lease, on the same conditions, which will make it expire on the first of May 1812

Signed James Drake
John Bingham
Samuel Torbert

Which was agreed to,

Whereupon M^r Haight gave notice that he should move for a reconsideration of the same at the next meeting of the Board

*[45] The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of James C Roosevelt praying permission to erect a Stoop to the extent in front of those on the same Block reported that in their opinion the prayer of the said Petition should be granted which was confirmed

* Beginning here, the odd pages of this volume are not numbered, but the numbers are inserted for the convenience of the reader.—ED.

On Application of Building Committee ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of J. H Sickles their Treasurer for 5,000 Dollars

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Mercer Street which was confirmed and Jonathan Pinckney appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner recommended that a Warrant issue to Halsey & Westervelt for 2,000 Dollars on account of Piers at Peck Slip and a Warrant to John Anderson for 1,000 D^{s} on account of the Bulk head at Goerick Street which were accordingly ordered.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding Vacancies.

Engine Company N^{o} 26

John Covert Ship Wright Cherry Street 7th W^{d} v L Medler resg^{d}

N^{o} 32.

George W Healy Grocer N^{o} 102 first Street 10 W^{d} v. Reuben Munson res^{d}

N^{o} 24

Michael Funk N^{o} 62 Fair Street 2nd Ward v. Peoly Young resig^{d}

[46] The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of certain Newsances from N^{o} 5181 to 5186 *where* [which] were passed.

A Further Communication was rec^{d} from William Mooney on subject of the Report of the Committee on his account which was directed to be refered to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

The following Resolutions was presented Resolved that the new Flag Staff now erecting at the Battery be Leased to Andrew I M^{c}-Laughlin for the term of three Years provided always that it is not wanted for the purposes of the General or State Government during that period. Ordered that the same be refered to the Council of the Board

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant for payment of the following Sums.

Accounts Audited

Whitehead Fish City Treas^{r} 1 Q^{r} to 14 Nov	$125.
Thos Hazard & two Turnkeys 1 Q^{r} to 18 Inst	437.50
G. N Bleecker, 1 Q^{r} to 16 instant & 2 deeds	260.
Roswell Graves for 4th Ass^{nt} to 14 Instant	60.
[47] Mary Jones printing 1,000 Handbills &. 200 conditions of sale of Collect Lots	13.
Edward Watkeys 1 Box Candles for City Hall	8.62

Henry Willett repairing Engines to 22nd Octr	$523.31
John Pintard Indexing	228.
Doct William D Creed attens sick at Bellevue & Convicts on Road	200.
Geo. C Morton for services to Lamp Commte	10.
Halsey & Westervelt for Piers at Peck Slip	2000.
John Anderson for Bulkhead E side Goerk Street	1000.
John Pintard for an Ensign	60.
Building Committee	5000.
Dolls	9,925.43

[48] In Common Council Novr 27. 1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Depy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John W Mulligan	Assistants
James Drake		Adrian Hegeman	
John Bingham		Thomas J Campbell	
John D Miller		Isaac S Douglass	
Thurston Wood		Jasper Ward	
Nicholas Fish			
Mangle Minthorne			

Benjamin C Stevens was admitted to the Freedom of the City and took the Oath prescribed by Charter

The *Minuetes* [Minutes] of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from the Trustees of the Economical French and English Schools, stating that as they found that the Corporation could not conveniently grant them a Building for the purposes of their Schools, they requested that they would be pleased to grant them a Lot of Ground on [49] which they might erect a School House

Ordered that the same be refered to Alderman Mesier Bingham & Fish

A Petition was received from John Glowshorn praying to receive a Licence as a Butcher and to be assigned to Stand No 4 Spring Street Market now held by John Cooper who was willing to relinquish the same, Ordered that the same be refered to the Market Committee

A Petition was received from Lawrence Moore stating that he was about to erect a House in Hudson Street and praying permission to build a Lime House in the Street for the purpose of storing Lime in the winter Ordered that the same be refered to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner with authoroty to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

A Letter was laid before the Board by his Honor the Mayor which had been addressed to him by Stephen Sayer Esquire in which Mr Sayre proposes to supply the Corporation by contract with two or three [50] Thousand Cords of wood Annually.

Ordered that the same be refered to Alderman Fish Minthorne & Douglass

A Petition was received from the Inhabitants of the upper end of Broad Way stating that by the late attempt to regulate that part of the City they were put to extreme inconvenience & perril and praying that they might be permitted to fill up the Trenches dug for laying Curb Stone or that the Board would take some measures to relieve them.

Ordered that the same be refered to the Street Commissioner with directions immediately to take measures to remedy as far as possible the evils complained of.

The Clerck presented Returns of the names of persons voted for as Charter Officers together with the number of votes given for each at the Election held in the several Wards of this City on the 21st 22nd & 23thd days of November 1809 duly certified by Tunis Wortman Esqr Clerk of the City & County, by which it appears that the following persons were elected to the offices Set opposite [51] to their respective names. Viz

First Ward	Peter Mesier	Alderman
	Samuel Jones Jur	Assistant
	Robert Morris Jur &	Assessors
	Abraham Brinckerhooff Jur	
	Samuel Cooper	Collector
	John Farrington	Constables
	Zephaniah Brown	
Second Ward	Thomas Carpenter	Alderman
	Peter Hawes	Assistant
	John Hyslop	Assessors
	John Vernon	
	Gulian Cornell	Collector
	Henry Marsh	Constables
	John Hutchings	
Third Ward	Charles Dickinson	Alderman
	Augustine H Lawrence	Assistant
	Daniel Boardman	Assessors
	John L Vn Kleeck	
	Israel Purdy	Collector
	Joshua Green	Constables
	Gilbert Dean	

Fourth Ward	James Roosevelt	Alderman
	Robert Bogardus	Assistant
	Lewis Hartman	Assessors
	Nehemiah Allen	
	Adolph L Degrove	Collector
	James Crooker	Constables
	Daniel Nash	
[52]	John Bingham	Alderman
Fifth Ward	William Hoogland	Assistant
	John Morse Jur	Assessors
	Thomas Stagg Junr	
	William Berrian	Collector
	Jacob Hays	Constables
	Abraham Collard	
Sixth Ward	William Torrey	Alderman
	Isaac S Douglass	Assistant
	Henry Ackerman	Assessors
	Lewis Angevine	
	John O Neal	Collector
	Peter Paulding	Constables
	John Ackerman	
Seventh Ward	Charles Dickinson	Alderman
	Thomas Timpson	Assistant
	Benjamin S Knapp	Assessors
	James McMasters	
	Robert Coles	Collector
	Morris Oakley	Constables
	Jonathan Allen	
Eighth Ward	Joseph Watkins	Alderman
	Edmund Kirby	Assistant
	Arthur Burtis	Assessors
	Christopher Beakley	
	Benjamin C Stevenson	Collector
	Henry G Disbrowe	Constables
	James Mills	
[53]	Nicholas Fish	Alderman
Ninth Ward	William A Hardenbrook	Assistant
	Samuel Hake	Assessors
	Thomas Brass	
	Jonathan Randal Jr	Collector
	Reuben Ryder	Constables
	Samuel Wheat	
Tenth Ward	Mangle Minthorne	Alderman
	John Palmer	Assistant
	William Peterson	Assessors
	William Thurston	
	Abraham Vn Gelder Jr	Collector
	William J Stevenson	Constables
	Lewis Osburn	

The following persons were appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Company N° 27.

John S Moore Merchant Washington S^{t} 5th W^{d}
Henry Howard Inspector Beef 8th Ward
Robert P Bell Merchant Greenwich S^{t} 8th Ward
David Ludlum Shoemaker Spring

The above are 4 additional men allowed by the Board in consequence of enla[r]geing of Engine.

Company N° 6

William Fushee Grocer Washington Street 3^{d} W^{d} v C. A. W M^{c}-Pherson resign^{d}

Matthew Dubois Sadler Read S^{t} 6th W^{d} v Albert Hopper res^{d}

[54] The Committee appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the 25th ins^{t} presented the Bill for the dinner on that occasion amounting to three hundred and twenty dollars. Ordered that a Warrant issue in the name of the City Inspector for payment of the same

An Account of William Mooney late Superintendent of Alms House was presented. Ordered that the same be refered to the Comptroller

The Superintendent of Repairs requested that a Warrant might issue in favor of Benjamin Hoogland for 375 Dollars being the second payment for the Flag Staff erecting at the Battery. Ordered that a Warrant issue for the same

The Attorney of the Board stated that the Council of the Board being absent from Town at the time of the Inquest being taken in the case of opening Chatham Street he had therefore employed Geo. Griffin as Cou[n]sel in the cause and he recommended that a fee of 25 D^{s} be paid to M^{r} Griffin. Whereupon it was Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of M^{r} Griffin for that Sum

[55] Upon the recommendation of the Fire Wardens in the 2nd Ward John Mowatt Jun^{r} was appointed a Fire Warden of the said Ward in the place of Isaac Wright who had removed from the Ward.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Nicholas Stevens reported, that they were at the last Meeting of the Board induced from the consideration that it was a money transaction to report against the application of said Stevens, but being now informed that the Money paid was only for the Block on Stall and not for the Stand and the

said Stevens having served an apprenticeship to the trade of a Butcher and very well recommended, they do therefore recommend that he receive a Licence for the Stand N° 9 Fly Market, which report was agreed to

The Lamp Committee to whom had been refered back their Report on the Account of Jacob Cholwell and his remonstrance returned them again to the Board and no further order was taken thereon.

The Committee to whom was refered the application of John F Randolph to be appointed Apothecary to the Alms House Reported that they had had an interview [56] with M^r^ Randolph and Stated to him that a part of the duties required of him would be to attend to the Convicts at the Powder House Prison the Paupers in the Winter Season at Bellevue together with the Alms House and County Prison which he readily assented to. The Committee in consequence thereof and from the recommendation given to them by Doctor Valentine Seaman are of opinion that the said Applicant is worthy the appointment he requests. Whereupon resolved that John F. Randolph be and he is hereby appointed Apothecary of the Alms House

The Counsel of the Board to whom had been refered the Resolution of the 20^th^ respecting a Lease of Flag Staff at the Battery to Andrew I M^c^Laughlin reported that he had been informed that M^r^ Andrew I M^c^Laughlin therein named under an expectation of receiving from the Corporation, a lease for the use of what is commonly called the Flag Staff, expended a considerable Sum of Money thereon and that this expectation was formed in consequence of resolutions heretofore passed by this Honorable Board; That in & by an [57] Act of the Legislature of this State passed the 16 March 1790. entitled an *An* Act for securing and improving certain Land in the City of New York for Public use and for other purposes therein mentioned it is enacted that certain land (on a part whereof the Flag Staff is erected) is invested in this Corporation to remain for the purposes of erecting Public buildings and works of defence but without any power to dispose thereof for any other purpose whatsoever—and without any power of selling any part thereof.

To the question as I conceive refered to me I answer. that I am of opinion. the Corporation may give to M^r^ M^c^Laughlin or any other person a permission to use and enjoy the said flag Staff by lease or parol if in their opinion it is considered as a building for Public purposes. or as work of defence—but whether the Flag Staff comes within either of those descriptions it is not in my judgement to say.

I am also of opinion that the said Act of the Legislature vests a

descretionary power in y^e^ Corporation so to use the said land at all times as to them shall seem meet, provided it shall be free for the erection of Public Buildings and Works of defence when deemed necessary and proper

Signed Ja^s^ Woods

Whereupon resolved that the same lay for further consideration

[58] The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of Gosman & MacComb praying payment of their Account for laying the Curb Stone and filling up the walks in the Bowe[r]y road. Reported it as their opinion that a Warrant for 600 Dollars should issue to them on account. which was agreed to.

The Counsel and Street Commissioner to whom was refered the application of John N Weathershine reported, That the same ought to be taken in connection with the following fa[c]t "that he was informed previous to and at other times during the erection of his building that a Resolution of the Corporation had passed for connecting Chamber Street to Chatham Street and that he was advised and requested in due form to desist from such building, but that he continued the same until the Jury who were impannelled upon the occasion came to view the Premises the subscribers are therefore of opinion that as it has been determined by the Corporation to vacate their resolution in regard to the Street above mentioned That the Petitioners loss and damage ought to be computed from the time of such view had by the Jury and that the same together with the legal Costs & charges in that behalf ought to form the Basis of a proper estimate [59] to be allowed to him. Whereupon resolved that the same be refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the 6^th^ Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented the following recommendation respecting the Assessment in the Bowry.

The Board having directed that Messrs Gosman & M^c^Combs should complete their contract for laying Curb in the Bowry to the two Mile Stone and the said Work being now finished, The Street Commissioner recommends that a suitable person be appointed to collect the money due upon the original assessment—and at the same time remarks that the assessment upon the portion of the Street lately operated upon by Mess Gosman & M^c^Combs was never demanded by the former Collectors in consequence of an order of the Board to stop the work.

All which is respectfully Submitted

Signed John S Hunn

Which was agreed to and Isaac Keeler was appointed Collector

[60] The Street Commissioner presented the following communication accompan[i]ed with a Deed from Richard Amos & Wife

The Street Commissioner has the honor to enclose a Deed from Richard Amos and his wife to the Corporation for the Streets runing through his property near the State Prison, which is presented gratis but upon the condition that the old building he has now erected the Corner of which will be in greenwich Street shall not be removed by any act of the Corporation for the ensuing five Years—Which it is presumed the board can have no objection to.

The Street Commissioner further states that Mr Amos is desirous that the course of those Streets should be established before any further Sales are made by him and it is therefore recommended that the following resolution be passed

Resolved that this Board will accept of the cession of the Streets running through the property of Richard Amos, a deed for which is this day presented by the Street Commissioner and that the Street Commissioner take order for Surveying the said Streets and placing the necessary Corner Stones All which is respectfully Submitted

Jno S Hunn

[61] Which report was agreed to, and it was further resolved that it be refered to the Road Committee to consider of the propriety of opening Hudson Street through the Grounds of Richard Amos.

The Street Commissioner presented the following

The Street Commissioner covers an account exhibited by John Anderson for Building the Bulk head at Goerk Street which is correctly stated, the balance of 800 Dolls being due to him from the Corporation for their half of the said Work and for which a Warrant is recommended to be directed.

The Street Commissioner further remarks that the wharfage in front of this Bulk head, being the sole right of the Corporation it is adviseable that it should be put in charge of such persons as they may direct to collect the same.

All which is respectfully
Submitted
(Signed) John S Hunn

Which was agreed to and a Warrant for 800 Dollars ordered to issue to John Anderson

[62] The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating part of Thompson Street which was passed and Ebenezer

Clark, Geo. Cleland, Gilbert Coutant, Jonathan Pinckney, and Stephen Ludlum were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented the following

The Street Commisisoner has the honor to present an account of Thomas Scott for paving in front of Albany Bason agreeably to an order of the Board which is now completed and amounts to 1153.$^{1}/_{100}$ Dollars and he recommends that a Warrant be directed in favor of said Scott for 600 Dollars on account and as it is probable the Board will consider it resonable that the proprietors of the Houses & Lots of Ground fronting this square on the south side should contribute towards this expence, the Street Commissioner recommends that the subject be refered to a Committee to determine what portion of it they ought to pay—Whereupon resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of Thomas Scott for 600 Dollars and that the subject recommended be refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the first Ward

[63] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Broome Street from the Bowry Lane to Broard Way which was confirmed and Isaac Keeler appointed Collector.

The City Inspector & Street Commiss^{r} presented the following, The Committee to whom had been refered the Communication of the Street Commissioner relative to the situation of Bayard Street having reported that an ordinance ought to be passed directing M^{r} Lynch to fill up his Ground to considerable distance, The City Inspector & Street Commissioner have the honor to enclose the draft of an Ordinance directing that the sunken Ground be filled up to the distance of one hundred feet Westerly of Orange Street including that portion of Bayard Street and so much of Orange Street as may be impaired which they recommend to be passed

(Signed) J Morton
J S Hunn

Whereupon Resolved that the said Ordinance be passed.

[64] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for opening Walker Street into Beach Street, which was ordered to be published in the News Papers employed by this Board

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances from N^{o} 5178 to N^{o} 5183 which were severally passed

The Comptroller agreeably to a former Resolution of the Board of the 6th instant presented Leases to Patrick M^{c}Kay and Richard P Lawrence, which having been examined by the Counsel of the Board were directed to be executed according to Law

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to. It appearing from the representation of all the members of the Committee on Chamber Street that the Conveyance to Peter Bonnett of certain property in that Street was for the sole purpose of placing the property of this Corporation on the same footing as that of all the other proprietors interested in that improvment and that the conduct of Mr Bonnett in receiving & giveing up that Conveyance was not dictated by any considerations of private interest but was entirely for the purpose of Benefiting the [65] Board. Whereupon Resolved that the Board return him their thanks for his conduct on that occasion.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant for payment of the following Sums

A Lawrence City Watch	256.76
William Va Wart Do	256.76
William Peterson Do	276.36
James Snow Ditto	276.36
Thomas Darling Do	227.36
Isaac Anderson Do	227.36
Adolph Brower Do	74.76
Samuel L Page Do	74.76
B Skaats Qr Saly & Sundry expences	114.57
John Declew Inspecting Bread	75.85
John Pintard Balance of a/c	34.72
Ithamer Bouker Maks road Greenwich	157.50
Jas Blacklidge Keeper of Convicts Prison	42.65
Evening Post ½ Years Subscription	37.50
A J Westervelt & Halsey repairing Docks	339.84
Amos Corning Surveying & Maps	127.
John C Krapff Do	38.
Thomas Foote for Engine House No 7	186.21
John Ferris Scrubing Bear Market	7.50
John Johnson repairing Pumps &c	130.15
[66] Jacob Morton Corporation Dinner 25	320.
B Hoogland 2nd instant flag Staff	375.
G Griffin Cou[n]sel fees Chamber Street	25.
Jno Anderson Balance of Bulk head Goerck Street	800.
Thomas Scott Paving Swartts Bason	600.
Gosman & McCombs Pavg Bowery Lane	600.
Dollars	5,681.97

[67] In Common Council December 4th 1809

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Jacob Mott Esqr Depy Mayor

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John W Mulligan	Assistants
Samuel M Hopkins		Benjamin Haight	
Charles Dickinson		Adrian Hegeman	
James Drake		Thomas J Campbell	
John Bingham		Isaac S Douglass	
John D Miller		Samuel Torbert	
Thurston Wood		Jasper Ward	
Nicholas Fish		John Drake	
Mangle Minthorn			

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The City Inspector presented a draft of an Ordinance for filling in a sunken part of Spring Street between Broad Way and Elizabeth Street, which was ordered to pass

The Committee on the representation of Robert Fulton Esquire reported that entertaining the highest respect for the talents & information of Mr Fulton, they consider him entitled to the gratitude of the Public for the offer of his services without compensation in the [68] improvement of our Police. The Committee are of opinion that this Board ought not to neglect the opportunity of availing itself of services which may be so beneficial to the City—They have not yet however been able to devise any plan for the purpose and as some of the present members are to go out of office they earnestly recommend that the subject be resumed by the Board as early as may be.

(Signed) Samuel M Hopkins
Jacob Mott

Whereupon ordered that the said report lie for consideration

The Comptroller on the Petition of John Higgins for remission of rent reported a Statement of the case which was ordered to be refered to Aldermen Mesier, Minthorne & Mr Douglass

The Committee on Laws & Ordinances to whom was refered the Resolution respecting the Sunday Law reported. that in their opinion further Legislative aid is necessary to carry into effect the object intended

Signed Samuel M Hopkins
John W Mulligan

Whereupon resolved that the same be [69] refered to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances to report what further Legislative Provisions are necessary.

The Committee on the Accounts of the late Superintendent of the Alms House to whom was refered the Petition of Everitt & Misserve reported that the Warrant for 4,000 Dollars issued to the Chairman of said Committee has been transfered to the Commissioners of the Alms House

An account of Marsh & Hutchings Marshalls for attending at the Fly Market amounting to 28 Dollars was presented.

Ordered a Warrant issue for payment of the same.

The Comptroller & Att^{y} of the Board to whom had been refered the Petition of Theodorus Bailey & Elbert Anderson presented a report stating That the Lots in Chatham Street leased to the Applicants were leased so as to commence on the first day of May 1808 and that of course the rent began to accumulate from that day. That when Mess^{r} Bailey & Anderson went to take possession, they found the premises occupied by the Tenants that had formerly hired the same from M^{r} Cary Ludlow the former Lessee. That finding these persons in possession, who refused to [70] remove Mess^{s} Bailey & Anderson were under the necessity of commencing an Action of Ejectment which would have been tedious and expensive and would not have been determined in all probability under six months, or of agreeing with the Tenants, that if they would remove they should be exonerated from the rent till the first of August then next. That they adopted the latter mode of adjustment, as they were then ready to build upon the Lots.

Should the Board be of opinion that in justice and equity the Applicants are entitled to a remission of rent from the 1st May till the first of August, it will be left to their decision what answer to return the petitioner.

(Signed) G N Bleecker
S Cowdry

Whereupon resolved that one quarters rent be remitted to them.

The Committee on Laws & Ordinances to whom had been refered the Petition of the Directors of the Washington Mutual Insurance Company and the report of the Fire department thereon Reported that they have not been able to prepare a proper Law upon the [71] Petition and as two of the present members are about to go out of Office they recommend that the within Petition be referred to a new Committee. Whereupon resolved that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws & Ordinances

An Account of the Tax for the Year 1808 which had been received in the Treasury was presented and is as follows

First Ward	.....	Nothing received
2nd Ward	.....	Ds 7,000
3rd Ditto	.....	2.000
4th Do	.....	nothing receivd
5th Do	.....	Do
6th Ward	.....	1,500
7th Ward	.....	2,339
8th Ward	.....	4,000
9th Ward	.....	1,410
10th Ward	.....	nothing recd
	Dollars	18,249.00

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for filling in parts of Wooster, Varick, Lawrence, Thompson & Greene Streets on the North side of Spring Street, which were confirmed and Ebenezer Clark was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented a deed from Wm W Gilbert & Betsey his Wife duly acknowledged for Cozine & Gilbert Streets Resolved that the same be accepted [72] and the Deed be Recorded and afterwards filed in the office of the Comptroller.

The Street Commissioner enclosed the assessment for opening Walker Street into Beach Street having Advertised the same as directed by the Board, but he stated that John W Elsworth one of the Assessors was an Occupant within the District and therefore interested, and that William Hoogland one of the other Assessors would this day become a Member of the Board and therefore he suggested the propriety of appointing others in their stead,

Whereupon Leonard Warner & George Cleland were appointed Assessors in the places of Mr Elsworth & Mr Hoogland and the Assessment was directed to be returned to the Assessors for further Consideration

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment upon the Lots in the Vicinity of Beekman Slip to raise the Money advanced by the Corporation towards filling in and raising the same, which assessment was confirmed and Henry Vn Pelt appointed Collector

The Committee on the Petition of the Freeholders on the East side of Peck Slip [73] to have the Pier lately built in said Slip connected by a Bridge to that side Reported, that finding the Neighborhoods both on the East and west sides of the Slips zealously claim equal right to be accommodated in the way they respectively propose and

discovering no obligation or promise on the part of the Corporation in relation to the controversy conceive the question ought to be decided exclusively on the basis of Public benefit and convenience.

Your Committee deem it indespensably the duty of the Corporation, whenever practicable, so to plan the improvements of the City that the Public Money expended therefor, will at the same time enhance the Value of the Public property, and as in the present instance Corporation Estate, which on the west side of this Slip is large, will be materially benefitted by having the Bridge connected with that side, while the general accomodation will be equally, if not, better promoted your Committee cannot but advise an adherence to the last decision of the Board on this Subject. Your Committee beg leave further to observe that from their own knowledge of local circumstances, as also from the concurrent sentiment of the residents throughout the whole neighborhood they are of opinion that by filling up Peck Slip to [74] the south Line of Front Street the convenience of that part of the town will not only be greatly promoted, but the health of the City also essentially benefitted and accordingly recommend the measure

All which is humbly Submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
Mangle Minthorne
Nicholas Fish

Which report was confirmed

The Committee on the Petition of Doc^{r} David Hosack presented a report which was ordered to lie for further consideration

A Communication was received from Samuel Gilford Ju^{r} and John Mowatt Ju^{r} two of the Fire Wardens of the 2nd Ward stating that on the Evening of the 30 Ult^{o} an attempt had been made to set fire to the range of wooden Buildings in front Street between Crane Wharf and Beekman Slip, by placing a coal of fire in some damp powder and laying the same in a pile of staves at the rear of Store N^{o} 203 Front Street.

Whereupon resolved that his honor the Mayor be authorised to issue his Proclamation offering a reward of [75] 300 Dollars to any person who shall give such information as that the offenders may be discovered and presecuted to conviction

The Committee to whom was referred the Assessment on Rynder Street reported that they have investigated the subject with considerable attention and find that the Assessors made out a List different from that delivered by the Surveyor, that they named some Lots

which lay on Hester Street as situate on Rynder Street and some which were on Rynder as situate on Hester Street, that they have charged Mr Minthorne for 87 feet front more than he ownes, and also charged him a much greater Sum than his opposite Neighbors towards the expence of the intersections, and finally that it appears to the Committee that the Assessors have not acted up to the principles usually adopted by assessors in like cases. The Committee therefore recommend that as almost all the money upon the assessment is Collected, and it will be difficult to raise it upon a new assessment that the Street Commissioner & Comptroller liquidate with Mr Minthorne an equitable plan, the sum wch he ought to pay and a warrant in favor of the Contra[c]tors be issued for the balance

Sig[n]ed John Bingham
Saml M Hopkins

Which was agreed to

On the request of the Superintendent of Repairs a Warrant was ordered to be issued in favor of the Chairman of Committee of Repairs for 500. Dollars.

[76] The Building Committee Reported that they have examined the account of John H Sickles Treasurer for the New City Hall (by James Drake) and have compared the Vouchers with the Treasurers Books and find them correct. They communicate an account of J H Sickles for the expence of the new Building for the last year, they also communicate a report of John McComb Jur the Architect on the subject of the New City Hall: Also a statement of the whole expence of the New City Hall.

A Warrant is recommended to be passed in favor of Mr Sickles for the Balance due Ds 1057.1/100

The Corporation of the City of New York

To Building Committee of New City Hall Dr
Monies Expended from 25 Nov 1808 to 25 Nv. 1809

	(viz)	£	S	D
Nov 25.	Lime	135	19	3
	Boards & Plank	113	19	8
	Timber	71	2	10
	Iron	77	11	..
	Lead	202	16	2
	Contingences	3006	7	3
	Stone	608	5	5
	Masons	589	18	9
	Cartage	319	4	3
	Bricks	329	8	..

		£	S	D
Nov. 25.	Johnston & Stevens	2012	..	..
	Stone Carvers	748	3	..
	Carpenters	384	11	..
	Sand	53	..	..
	Labor	568	0	9
	Stone Cutters	5530	16	1
	Ironmongery	34	18	..
	Paint	36	14	8
	£	14,822	16	1

Credit

1809 Nov 25	Received of Daniel Phoenix at dft times since 8 dec last	14,400	..	..
	Balance	422	16	1
	£	14,822	16	1

Amount of Money Paid on Account of New City Hall

1803	18,412: 0: 7	
1804	12,426: 3: 5	
1805	18,982:13: 5	
1806	13,750: 5: 5	
1807	15,107:10: 6	
1808	16,064:19: 1	
1809	14,822:16: 1	
	£109,566: 8: 6 or Ds	273,916. 6
Meterials on hand as pr Mr McCombs Acct		24,345.
	Dollars	249,571. 6

The Building Committee
of New City Hall
Gentlemen

As You are about to make your annual Report to the Common Council I presume a Statement of the Materials now on Hand at the Building will not be unacceptable

They consi[s]t of

Boards & Plank	$157	
Oak & Pine Timber	354	
[78] Timber for the Roof	793	
170 Window Frames Complete	2550	
Work in hand	360	
		Ds 4214
Brick & Stone	322	
Poles, Ropes, Blocks Takles &c	370	
		692

Carvers Work finished	$1811	
Do " in hand	500	
		Ds 2,311
Cut Stone finished	658	
do in hand	2204	
Brown Stone Unwrought	1369	
Marble Unwrought	12897	
		17,128
	Dollars	24,345

The weather having put a stop to the Mason Work the Walls and Materials have been carefully covered and those persons have been discharged whose services could be dispenced with, *relating too Carpenters 29 Journamen Stone Cutters, and one Apprentice four Stone Sawyers & four Stone Cutters & one Apprentice who Mr Lemair has under his directions to assist in finishing the Carved Work. These Men I hope the Committee will agree to employ during the winter that the Stone may be prepared in time, so that the Masons may commence as early in the Spring as the weather will permit. As this Building has been a long time in hand [I] have little doubt but that the Committee will agree that no exertions on the part of Corporation should be wanting to enable the Committee to have it completely enclosed in the [79] ensuing season which may be easily done if the Materials are provided, and the directions given in due time

The Walls of the Wings have been ready these three months to receive the Roof, nearly all the Steps of the principle Stairs are laid and the remainder complete to lay—the Stone Cutters will be able to finish the cornice and to prepare part of the stone for the Attic Story this winter, the Stone for the inside over the grand Stairs and for the Balustrade may be got ready in the course of the Season and laid So that we may indulge the pleasing idea of seeing nearly the whole of the outside work Completed the next season

I am very respectfully
Your Humble Servt
Signed John McComb Jur

Whereupon Resolved that the reports and accounts be published in the News Papers employed by the Board Also ordered that a warrant issue in favor of J H Sickles as recommended for 1057 : 1/100 Dollars

On Motion Resolved that the Committee on the Petition of Stephen Hitchcock requesting to be permitted to deposit Street Manure at certain places be discharged from any further consideration of the same.

* To be interpreted *retaining two.*—ED.

On motion resolved that the Street Inspector give notice to the Inhabitants of the City to cause the Manure, filth, & rubbish to be scraped [80] up and heaped in the middle of the Streets and that the same continue to be done when practicable throug[h] the course of the winter on such days in the several Districts as the Street Inspector shall direct. And resolved further that notice be given to Mr Hitchcock the contractor for Street Manure that unless he cause the said Manure so heaped up to be immediately removed that his contract will be inforced against him

The newly Elected Charter Officers attending the following persons took the Oath prescribed by Law

Aldermen

1st Ward	.....	Peter Mesier Esqr
2nd Ward	.....	Thomas Carpenter Esquire
3d Ward	.....	Charles Dickinson "
4th "	.....	James Roosevelt "
5th "	.....	John Bingham "
6th "	.....	William Torrey "
7th "	.....	Charles Dickinson "
8th "	.....	Joseph Watkins "
9th "	.....	Nicholas Fish "
10th "	.....	Mangle Minthorne "

Assistants

1st Ward	.....	Samuel Jones Jur Esqr
2nd "	.....	Peter Hawes "
3rd "	.....	Augus H Lawrence "
4th "	.....	Robert Bogardus "
5th Do	.....	William Hoghland "
6th "	.....	Isaac S Douglass "
7th "	.....	Thomas Timpson "
8th "	.....	Edmond Kirby "
9th "	.....	William Hardenbrook "
10th Do	.....	John Palmer "

[81] Assessors

1st Ward	.....	Robert Morris Junr Abraham Brinckerhoof Junr
2nd Ward	.....	John Hyslop John Vernon
3rd Ward	.....	
4th Ward	.....	Lewis Hartman Nehemiah Allen affirmed
5th Ward	.....	John Morss Jur Thomas Stagg Jur

6th	Ward.....	Henry Ackerman Lewis Angevine
7th	Ward.....	Benjamin S Knapp James McMasters
8th	Ward.....	Arthur Burtis Christopher Beakeley
9th	Ward.....	Samuel Hake Thomas Brass
10th	Ward.....	William Peterson William Thurston

[82] High Constable

Charles Thompson

Constables

1	Ward.....	John Farrington Zephaniah Browne
2nd	Ward.....	Henry Marsh John Hutchings
3rd	Ward.....	Joshua Green Gilbert Dean
4th	Ward.....	James Crooker Daniel Nash
5th	Ward.....	Abraham Collard (name omitted)
6th	Ward.....	Peter Paulding John Ackerman
7th	Ward.....	Morris Oakley Jonathan Allen
8th	Ward.....	Henry G Disbrow James Mills
9th	Ward.....	Reuben Ryder
[83]		Samuel Wheat William F Stevinson
10	Ward.....	Lewis Osborn

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant for payment of the following Sums

Audited Accounts of Comptroller

James Hardey Saly & sundry expences for Carriage hire on Public Business	71.50
Rooswell Graves Saly as Superindt of Streets to 1 December 1809...	60.
Mott Hicks Assistant to St. Commr to 1 Decr.....	52.
Andrew *Olleson Do Do "	52.
Edward Moran Do Do "	52.
William P Roome Keeper of Poters field to 1 Decr.....	30.
Richard Burchan ferrying from Custom House Acct of Passengers 1 Year 1 Nov.....	50.
O Neal & Lee cleaning Wells in 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 & 10 Wards.....	140.43

* Otterson is the correct spelling; see pp. 625, 660, 728.—ED.

Ordered by the Board

Marsh & Hutchings Attending Fly Market	28.
John Bingham Chairman Com. Repairs	500.
John H Sickles Treasurer Building Committee Bal of his acct	1057. 1
Dollars	2092.94

The Aldermen and Assistants this day sworn in then took their seats & the Board was formed as follows and the following business was transacted

[84] Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Peter Mesier	Alderman	Samuel Jones Jur	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson 3d Wd		Augustus H Lawrence	
James Roosevelt		Robert Bogardus	
John Bingham		William Hoogland	
William Torrey		Isaac S Douglass	
Charles Dickinson 7th Wd		Thomas Timpson	
Joseph Watkins		Edward Kirby	
Nicholas Fish		W. A. Hardenbrook	
Mangle Minthorne		John Palmer	

On Motion Whitehead Fish Esquire was unanimously reappointed Chamberlain or Treasurer of the City. He attended and took the Oaths prescribed by Law. He offered as his Securitys, Thomas Cadle & Garrit Gilbert who were accepted and the Clerk was directed to prepare a Bond and have the same executed

On motion Ordered that the Clerk furnish to each of the newley elected members a Copy of the Charter and of the Laws and Ordinances of the City—a Copy of the Rules of the Common Council and a Map of the City

[85] A Petition was received from the Society for the relief of poor Widows with small Children praying to be relieved from an Assessment laid up on two Lots of Ground which was presented to the society by Mrs General Montgomery stating that their funds were scarcely equal to the demands upon them and that the payment of this Assessment would greatly embarrass them. Whereupon Resolved that the same be refered to Alderman Fish Mr Jones & Mr Lawrence

Mr Bogardus presented the following Resolution Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into and make a Statement of all the monies oweing by this Board shewing the present amount thereof

and the annual interest payable thereon, the persons respectively to whom the same are owing, and also shewing the amount which will become due in consequence of Contracts already made, Also shewing the times when the several debts due by the Board were contracted and the amount due on the first Mondy of December in each year.

Also resolved that the same Committee enquire into and State the encrease of the revenue of this Board for each year and the Amount of Public property disposed of and that the enquiry of the Committee relate back seven [86] Years from this day, and that they be authorised to examine the necessary papers and documents belonging to this Board

Which was agreed to and the following Committee were appointed —Viz Mr Bogardus Mr Hoghland &. Mr Douglass

Mr Bogardus moved that James Woods Esqr be removed from the Office of Council of the Board—The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative

A Like motion having been made that William Peterson be removed from office of Captain of the Watch, and the question being thereon taken it passed in the affirmative

It was then moved that the Board proceed to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy which they agreed to and the Ballots which were given having been counted it appeared that

John Farrington had 15 Votes
William Peterson.... 5 Do

Whereupon John Farrington was declared duly elected one of the Captains of the City Watch

[87] Mr Bogardus gave notice that he should at the next meeting of the Board move for the abolition of the office of Council of the Board

Alderman Mesier presented the following Resolution Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire whether any Improvements can be devised respecting the Flag Staff now erecting at the Battery—which was agreed to and a Committee was appointed consisting of Alderman Mesier Carpenter & Mr Jones

[88] In Common Council December 11—1809

Present DeWitt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck " Recorder

Aldermen:
Peter Mesier
Thomas Carpenter
Charles Dickinson 3d Wd
James Roosevelt
John Bingham
William Torrey
Charles Dickinson 7th Wd
Joseph Watkins
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorn

Assistants:
Samuel Jones Jur
Peter Hawes
Augustine H Lawrence
Robert Bogardus
William Hoghland
Isaac S Douglass
Thomas Timpson
Edmund Kirby
William A Hardenbrook
John Palmer

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.
The following Standing Committees were appointed

Market
Aldn Mesier
Mr Douglass
Mr Timpson

On Applications
Adn Roosevelt
" Torrey
Mr Douglass

[89] Canal
Aldn Dickinson 7th Wd
Mr Kirby
" Palmer
" Bogardus
" Timpson

Ferry
Aldn Carpenter
Mr Hoghland
Hawes

Finance
Aldn Dickinson 3d Wd
Mr Bogardus
" Kirby
" Hoghland
" Palmer
Ald. Torrey

Defence
Aldn Fish
Mesier
Bingham
Carpenter
Mr Timpson
" Jones
" Lawrence

Building
Aldn Dickinson 3d Ward
" Bingham
" Fish
Mr Douglass
Timpson

Fire Department
Aldn Watkins
Dickinson 7th Ward
Mr Hardenbrook

Lamp
Aldn Torrey
" Roosevelt
" Carpenter

Repairs
Aldn Bingham
Watkins
Mr Lawrence

Laws & Ordinances

Mr Jones
" Hawes
" Bogardus

Watch

Aldn Mesier
Mr Lawrence
" Timpson

Roads

Aldn Fish
" Minthorne
" Bingham
Mr Hardenbrook
" Lawrence

Charity

Aldn Mesier
" Torrey
Mr Douglass
" Palmer
" Kirby

Wharves, Piers & Slips

Aldn Roo[se]velt
Mr Kirby
" Jones

[90] Committee on Streets

Mr Hawes
" Palmer
Aldn Watkins

The following Petitions for appointments were received (for)

Wood Inspector

Herclelus Mulligan	in place of Eagles decd
John Yonge	Ditto Ditto
Elisha Seymour	Do Do
David Waldron	" "
Matthew Redett	" "
Richard Davis	" "
Jacob Tabilee	to be reinstated in the District he formerly held
Enos Tompkins	place now held by Mr Ridett if he is assigned to Eagles place

Wood Inspector

John Guest
John Spires
James Skates
John Willis
Joseph George
Josep Cass
Thomas Marsh
Abraham Brevort
Angus Sutherland

[91] Assistants to Street Commissioner City Inspector or Superintendent of Streets..... } Josiah Ward &. John McFarlane

Keeper of Flag Staff { Eleazer Hatheway / Christian Small

Captains of City Watch

Abraham Hart
Gabriel Hatfield
Isaac Bogert
Isaac Vn Dyck

Keeper of Convicts—Isaac Alston

Superintendent of Repairs

Stephen Read
Caleb Street

Superintendent of Streets—George W Willis
Inspector of Streets—William S Coles

Inspectors of Bread

Philip Becannon	Lawrence Hyer
Jasper E Ruckle	Francis Lynch

[92] Overseer of Roads

Jonathan Hardman	Johonnes Tugerick
Oliver Waldron	John C Kimmel
Asa Holden	

Keeper of Potters Field—Alexander Morton
Do or Assistant to Keeper of City Hall—Jonathan Brooks
Printer of the Corporation—Cornelius Vⁿ Winkle
Do John Hardcastle

A Letter was also received from Henry C. Southwick on the subject of his Engagement with the Corporation as their Printer

All the above Applications and Petitions were referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition was received from Henry Carrier pr[a]ying to be assigned to Stall N° 59 Fly Market at present occupied by Thomas Dunning who was willing to relinquish the same, which was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition was received from Catharine Squirrall stating that she is a Widow [93] with several Children to support and in very indigent circumstances that she has been lately assessed upon a Leased Lot which she holds in Cross Street the sum of 44 $^{21}/_{100}$ Dollars which she is unable to pay and praying to be released from payment of the same.

Ordered that the said Petition be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward.

A Memorial was received from John Stevens stating that he has been for a considerable time engaged in endeavors to apply the force of Steam to Navigation and claims to be the first in this Country who made efforts for that desirable end. That he is the propr[i]etor of the right of Ferrying from Hoboken to New York—that he has been informed persons have applied for an exclusive right to ferry by means of Steam from New York to Jersey shore which he remonstrated against and prayed the Board would consider his rights and claims to that privilege.

Ordered that the said Petition and the former applications to this Board on the same subject be referred to Aldⁿ Bingham Mesier & Carpenter

[94] A Petition was received from John Gardiner praying that the Ordinances directing Dekline & Cunningham to fill up certain Lots at Corleaurs Hook may be enforced—Which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner.

An Application was received from the Commissioners for laying out Canal Street for an advance of 1,000 Dollars to defray certain expences.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Canal Committee

An Application from the Commissioners of the Alms House was received requesting a Warrant for 5,000 Dollars for the expences of the current quarter in said establishment

Ordered that a Warrant issue for the Same

A Letter was received from the City Treasurer stating that from the Collectors of the first and tenth Wards nothing yet had been received in the Treasury

Ordered that the Communication of the Treasurer be referred to Aldⁿ Mesier Minthorne & Dickinson of the 3ᵈ Wᵈ

[95] A Communication was received from the Comptroller stating that at the late Sales of the Corporation Lots near the Collect, John D Miller was the purchaser of three Lots and that he requested an extension of the time of payment to 60 days on his note

Ordered that the extension be granted on his note with an Indorser

The City Inspector reported Drafts of Ordinances for correction of Nuisances from Nº 5184 to Nº 5190 which were ordered to pass

Colonel Jonathan Williams having at the request of the Board written to the Secretary of the War Department of the United States on the subject of lighting points in this Harbor transmitted the following letter from the Secretary in answer to his application

War Department
5 Decʳ 1809

Sir

Your letter of the first instant is received Lighting the Harbor of New York for the safety of Navigation by the Government of the United States is by Law provided for and assigned to another Department; no authority therefore can be given from this relating to that object unless it should be on application from that Department, or in the present instance the [96] Corporation of that City to afford them

the necessary accomodation at Ports or places ceded to the United States and occupied as Military Posts.

Respectfully

Your Obt Sert

W Eustice

Whereupon Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of defence

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board on the subject of the Flag Staff reported—That they find upon examination that the same is building under a Contract in writing entered into by the Superintendent of Repairs on the part of the Corporation with the Contractor And that the work is so *for* [far] progressed on the place specified in the Contract that in their opinion it would not be expedient to make any alterations therein. which was agreed to.

The Comptroller on the Petition of Lewis & Joseph Webb soliciting a grant in front of their Lot the Corner of Washington & Clarkson Streets on the Hudson River reported that it was his opinion that a grant should issue to them on the Terms recommended by the Finance Committee and confirmed by the Board the 30th May 1808—which report was agreed to

[97] The Street Commissioner recommended that an Assessor for Cherry Street should be appointed in the place of Mr Timpson now a Member of the Board—Which was agreed to and Willm Ball was appointed assessor in place of Mr Timpson.

The Street Commissioner reported that agreeably to the directions of the Board he had served notices upon the persons having incumbrances in North Street—That Mr Burnell Browne holds a lease from the Estate of Mr Ivers for a Rope walk in said Street—he therefore recommended that a Committee be appointed to treat with Mr Brown on the subject. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Streets

The Street Commissioner presented an assessments for regulating part of North Street from the Bowry to first Street which was confirmed and Lewis Angevine was appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the Assessments for paving North More Street from Varick to Chapel Street

Whereupon ordered that a Warrant issue in his name to Collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for opening

Banker Street from Pearl to Roosevelt Streets—Whereupon ordered that the same be advertised in the newspapers employed by this Board and that 100 Hand bills giving notice of the same be struck off and put up

[98] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating Streets around Hudson Square which was passed and George Ireland, Joseph Dederer, Grove Wright, Frederick Eckhart, & John W Elsworth were appointed Assessors

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner presented the following report on the case of Rynder Street

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner to whom it was referred to arrange with Mr Minthorn such sum as he ought to pay for Repaving Rynder Street, have the honor to report that upon investigating the subject, they are of opinion that Mr Minthorne would contribute his full proportion of that expence if he paid twenty Dollars, which he has consented to do and it is therefore recommend[ed] that the balance charged to him be paid by Warrant to Joseph Conklin being 61.$^{45}/_{100}$ Dollars agreeably to the report of the Committee to whom this subject had been referred which is herewith presented

All which is respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) Jn° S Hunn
G N Bleecker Compt^r

Which was agreed to

[99] The Street Commissioner recommended that a Warrant issue to Halsey & Westervelt for 1091.$^{75}/_{100}$ Dollars being the balance due them from the Corporation for the second Instalment upon their Contract for Pier on West side of Peck Slip which was agreed to.

Alderman Mesier presented the following Resolution. Resolved that the Committee on Laws & Ordinances be and they are hereby directed to report an ordinance regulating the business of Pawn Brokers in this City in conformity to the several statutes passed by the Legislature in this respect which was agreed to.

On Motion Resolved that an additional Fire Warden be appointed for the second Ward and that John Mowatt Ju^r lately appointed a Fire Warden be considered such additional Fire Warden and that Isaac Wright be and he is hereby considered as continued a Fire Warden notwithstanding the appointment of said Mowatt

On Motion of Alderman Mesier. Resolved that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed forthwith to deposit in the office of his Department all Maps, Charts, Books, Plans, Diagrams, Profiles,

Contracts, Accounts, papers and vouchers appertaining to Streets Roads Wharves Piers & Slip or in any way relating to this City and County and file an account thereof with the Clerk [100] of this Board, and that by next meeting of the Board he exhibit a full and accurate statement of the Concerns of his Office specifying particularly the Ordinances passed and not yet acted upon, the various jobs on hand, the Contracts finished and not settled for, the Sums due on the several assessments with a Statement of the accounts of the several Collectors, the Bonds issued in relation to Streets with the time when and object for which they were given together with such other information in his possession as may be necessary to a distinct and accurate information of the Situation of the concerns of his Department

On Motion of Mr Jones. Resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine and consider the State and condition of the Department of Street Commissioner and the objects and Matters considered to belong thereto and whether any and what alterations or regulations are expedient and ought to be made therein. A Committee was thereupon appointed to carry into effect said Resolution consisting of Mr Jones Aldr Mesier Mr Bogardus

On Motion of Mr Bogardus, Resolved that the 23d Rule of this Board be ammended by adding after the word " President " " unless otherwise ordered by the Board."

[101] On like Motion Resolved that a Counsel to this Board is not required and therefore that the office of Counsellor be and the same is hereby abolished.

Resolved that the Committee on Laws and Ordinances be considered as the Committee for the unfinished business of this Board and that they from time to time report thereon

The following Resolution was presented Resolved that a Superintendent to the Alms House be now appointed "—On the question to agree to the same a division having been called thereon—it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following.

	Affirmative		Negative
Aldermen	Mesier	Mr Jones	P. C. Van Wyck
	Carpenter	Hawes	Recorder
	Dickinson 3d Wd	Lawrence	Aldn Bingham
	Roosevelt	Bogardus	Minthorne
	Torrey	Douglass	Mr Hoghland
	Dickinson 7th Wd	Kirby	Timpson
	Watkins	Hardenbrook	Palmer
	Fish		

[102] The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the Office of Superintendent of the Alms House, when upon counting the Ballots it appeared that.

Richard Furman had.....15 Votes
and there were..... 6. Blanks

Whereupon Richard Furman was declared duly appointed Superintendent of the Alms House.

The Following Resolutions were presented by Alderman Mesier. Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire if any and what alterations can be made in the regulations and management of the Alms House calculated more effectually to promote the humane and charitable purpose of that Institution.

Which was agreed to and the following Committee, was appointed Aldermen Bingham Mesier &. Mr Jones

[103] The following persons were appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

No 3

William Burtis Coach maker No 27. Reed St 6th Wd v. G. Arcularius resd

No 12

James Turner Gun Smith 205 Water Street 2d Wd v. Wm Mott resgd

No 2 Hooke & Leader

William Russel Mason No 7 Rose Street 4th Wd v David Jasper Decd

William Hitchcock Grocer No 17 First Street 10th Wd v Joseph Hilyer resignd

No 16

Richard W Stock Shoemaker No 53 Maiden lane 2d Wd Daniel Bowne resigd

No 26

Reuben Brooks Ship Joiner Cherry Street 7th Wd v Joseph Parker resign'd

No 10

Jacob Downing Grocer Bowry 2 Miles Stone 9th Wd v Isaac Lounsbury Expd

Warrants Issued December 11 1809

Nicholas Lawrence	City Watch	$256.76
William Van Wart	Do	256.76
William Peterson	"	157.92
John Farrington	"	118.44
James Snow	"	276.36
Thomas Darling	"	227.36
Isaac Anderson	"	227.36
Adolph Brower	"	74.76
Samuel L Page	"	74.76
Whitehead Fish	Clerk of Election	60.
Samuel Montgomery	Constables Do	104.
James Woods	Counsellors Salary	448.59
[104] John A Crolius	Bread Inspector	91.36
James Cheetham	Printing	37.50
Adolph L Degrove	Collecting assessment	28. 3
Hardenbrook & Nichols	—Lamps	78.
Luke Torboss	—Pa[i]nting	377.55
Benjamin Hoghland	Engine houses	119.28
Matthew Dikeman	repg Pumps	126.96
Thomas Hazzard	Constables fees	121.25
Joseph Conklin	bale paving Rynder St	61.45
Halsey & Westervelt	2nd Instalment on Piers	1091.75
John H Sickles	Commissr Alms House	5000.
	Dollars	9416.20

[105] In Common Council December 18 1809

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor
Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Aldermen
- Peter Mesier
- Thomas Carpenter
- Charles Dickinson 3d Wd
- James Roosevelt
- John Bingham
- William Torrey
- Charles Dickinson 7th Wd
- Joseph Watkins
- Nicholas Fish
- Mangle Minthorne

Assistants
- Samuel Jones Jur
- Peter Hawes
- Augustine H Lawrence
- Robert Bogardus
- William Hoghland
- Isaac S Douglass
- Thomas Timpson
- Edward Kirby
- William A Hardenbrook
- John Palmer

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

On Motion Mr Hawes was placed on the Ferry Committee instead of Mr Hardenbrook and Mr Hardenbrook was placed on the Road Committee instead of Mr Hawes.

A Petition was received from Thomas Scott praying payment of the balance due him for paving Albany Basin—Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Streets

[106] A Remonstrance was received from the Inhabitants of Roosevelt & James Streets remonstrating against the Assessment for opening Bancker Street which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment on Bancker Street which he had advertised agreeably to order, he also returned certain objections which he had received, which was refered to the same Committee

A Petition from John Boardman praying for reasons therein stated a remission of rent was received and was referred to the Comptroller

A Memorial was received from Thomas A Emmett praying permission to receive an assignment from James Heard of a Lease of Lot N° 73 Com^{ns} Lands which was granted

A Petition was received from the Board of direction of the Orphan Assylum Stating their funds were inadequate to their present exigenci[e]s and praying the Assistance of the Board towards that useful and Charitable Institution.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Charity

[107] A Petition was received from Sundry owners of Lots at Corleaurs Hook praying that a Public Slip may be established at the foot of Walnut Street—which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition was received from the Inhabitants of Greenwich stating that the road in that vicinity was in a very dangerous state Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial was received from John Shannon remonstrating against an assessment which had been laid upon a Leased Lot owned by him in Cross Street, which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition was received from Burdet Stryker Lessee of Fly Market Ferry stating that in consequence of the Interdiction by the Board of Health last Summer of intercourse between this City and Brooklyn he had been materially injured in the receipts of Ferriages, and praying in consequence thereof, an abatement of rent, Ordered that it be referred to the Ferry Committee

[108] The following Petitions and Recommendations for offices were received (Viz) for.

Captains of City Watch	John Ferris
	William Seamon
	Henry Byard
	John Gilman
	Jacob S Myers
	William French
Measurer	Jeremiah Stow
Superintendent of Repairs	Elias Bittington
Inspector of Bread	John G Leabeck
Wood Inspector	Matthew Nack &.
	A recomme[n]dation for Josep Brass
Physician to Debtors Prison & Bridewell	Robert Thorne
An Office	John Hoogland
Reporter to the Alms House	John M Cooper
Superintendent of Roads	William Martin
Street Inspectors	Robert Rattoon
	John Charles
Keeper of Flag Staff	David Josslin

Ordered that the same be refferred to the Committee on Applications

[109] A Petition was received from Andrew Fisher praying to receive Licence as a Butcher and to be assigned to Stall N° 49 Fly Market at present held by Philip Vicker who was willing to relinquish the same.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Market Committee

A Communication was received from the Department of City Inspector stating that some Repairs were necessary to be made for the safety of the Citizens on the Dock at the foot of Partition Street— which was referred to the Committee of Repairs with authority to make such Repairs as they should judge necessary.

The City Inspector reported Drafts of Ordinances for Correction of Nuisances from N° 5918 to N° 5924 which were passed

An account of William Mooney late Superintendent of Alms House was received and referred to the Superintendent of the Alms House and a Warrant was directed to issue to Richard Furman for 3718.$\frac{4}{100}$ Dollars for payment of debts due Sundry persons by this Board as designated in a list accompanying said Account

[110] The Market Committee on the Petition of Henry Carrier for Stall N° 59 Fly Market and of James Bradley for Stall N° 7 Exchange Market Reported in favor of granting the Stalls to the applicants, which report was confirmed

The Comptroller presented a Report on the subject of a Balance due from William Johnson late Lessee of Slips, which was referred to the Commitee on Wharves Piers and Slips

The Canal Committee on the Application of the Commissioners of Canal Street for an advance to them of 1,000 Dollars reported that the request ought to be granted.

Which report was confirmed

The Street Commissioner represented that John P Anthony and Samuel Stillwell appointed Assessors for opening Collect Street declined acting—Whereupon Luke Kip & Garrit B Abeel were appointed in their place.

The Street Commissioner in obedience to the order of the Board of the 11th Inst presented a Report covering Statements of the concerns of his Department—Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on the department of Street Commissioner Viz Mr Jones Aldn Mesier Mr Bogardus

[111] The following person was appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

Hook & Ladder Compy Gree[n]wich No 3

William Rose Carpenter Spring Street 8th Wd v Wm J. Gilbert expelld

No 25

John Hazard Mercht Jay St. No 11. 5t Wd v Nehemiah Merritt resigd

The Superintendent of Repairs requested a Warrant for 375 Dollars for Benjamin Hoogland being the 3d payment for Flag Staff at the Battery—which was ordered to be issued

The Committee on Wharves Piers &c recommended a Warrant to Halsey & Westervelt for 1500 Dollars for Middle Pier at Peck Slip

A Communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of an Account of James Cheetham for Printing which had on the 28 of August last been refereed to a Committee, *bud* [but] had not been acted on was now referred to Alderman Fish Mr Lawrence & Mr Palmer

Mr Lawrence presented the following Resolutions Resolved, that for the future it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of this Board, immediately after the Minutes are read of the last Meeting to deliver to the President a paper exhibiting

[112] 1st the Balance of Money in the Treasury.

2nd A List of all the Accounts &c Audited by him stating to whom

due or by whom asked for, amount of each demand and for what services &c the demands are made. In order that the Warrants may if the Board think proper be issued accordingly.

Resolved that all applications for money shall come through the Comptrollers office in order that the same may be laid before the Board for their consideration.

Which several Resolutions were agreed to

On Motion of Mr Bogardus Resolved That two members be added to the Committee appointed on the 4th inst to enquire into the State of the Public Accounts of the Corporation and that the said Committee have power if they deem it necessary to employ a suitable person to aid in carrying the said Resolution into effect—And on Motion that the said additional members be chosen by ballot, the Board proceeded to ballot for the same, when Mr Jones & Mr Lawrence were duly elected. Mr Hoghland was at his own request excused from serving on said Committee and Alderman Roosevelt was appointed in his place

[113] Mr Bogardus presented the following Resolved that the Market Committee assign and set apart proper places in the Fish Market to be occup[i]ed by the several Butchers permitted to sell meat in that Market by the Quarter which was referred to the Market Committee.

Mr Hawes presented the following. Resolved that the 3d Section of the Ordinance for the Rules and Regulations of the Alms House be amended by striking out after the word "Purveyor" the words "and Steward" and that the 5th Section of the same be amended by inserting after the word "as" the word "Steward" which was agreed to

On motion of Mr Hawes the following Ordinance was passed.

A Law

For appointing Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell and vesting them with sufficient powers for the better governing and regulating these institutions.

Section first, Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen &. Common-
"alty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, That
"three discreet and competent persons being freeholders of this City
"be appointed Commissioners [114] of the Alms House and Bridewell
"during the pleasure of the Common Council and the said Commis-
"sioners or a Majority of them are hereby vested with full power and
"authority to superintend and direct all the internal and external

"business and transactions of the Alms House and Bridewell and to "make such rules and regulations for the government of the same "in conformity with the laws, ordinances and resolutions of the Mayor "Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York as will best "promote the public interest and carry into effect the benevolent in- "tention of the Legislature in forming those establishments except the "appropriation of money and appointment of officers.

Section 2nd And be it further Ordained, That so much of the law "For the regulation and better government of the Alms House" as may be repugnant to, or incompatible with this law, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

The Board then pr[o]ceeded to ballot for three Commissioners for the Alms House when Richard Furman, John J. Westervelt, & George Newbold were duly elected

The following Resolution was presented Resolved that James Snow be and he is hereby removed from the office of Captain of the Watch of the Second District on the [115] question to agree to the same a division having been called thereon it was carried in the affirmative in manner following

Affirmative		Negative
Aldn Mesier	Mr Jones	Mr Recorder
Carpenter	Hawes	Aldn Bingham
Dickinson 3d Wd	Lawrence	Minthorne
Roosevelt	Bogardus	Mr Hoghland
Torrey	Douglass	Timpson
Dickinson 7th Wd	Kirby	Palmer
Watkins	Hardenbrook	
Fish		

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy —when on counting the Ballots it appeared that John White was duly chosen and he was declared elected accordingly

A Motion was then made that Thomas Darling be removed from the office of Captain of the Watch for the third District the question being taken thereon, and a division having been called it was carried in the affirmative the members voting as on the question for removing [116] James Snow. The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy when on counting the Ballots it appeared that George Goodhart had a Majority and he was accordingly declared duly elected

A Motion was then made that Oliver Hibbert be removed from the Office of Assistant to the Captain of the Watch of the 2nd District

—On the question to agree to the same it was carried in the affirmative the Members voting as on the motion for the removal of James Snow—The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy when on counting the Ballots—it appeared that Silas Tobias had the Majority and he was accordingly declared duly elected.

Mr Hardenbrook then moved that Samuel Cowdry be removed from the office of Attorney to this Board—on the question to agree to the same Mr Bogardus requested to be excused from voting on this occasion, the question being taken to exempt Mr Bogardus, it passed in the negative—the question was then taken on the original Motion and a Division having been called it was carried in [117] the affirmative, the Members voting as on the question for the removal of James Snow. The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy—when on counting the Ballots it appeared that Isaac A Van Hook Esqr had 18 votes &. he was declared duly chosen.

Alderman Bingham presented the following Resolution. Resolved that the thanks of this Board be given to late Commissioners of the Alms House for their faithful and diligent attention to the duties of that Institution while engaged therein. which Resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Ordered that his Honor the Mayor issue his Warrants for payment of the following Sums (Viz)

Edward Watkeys for Candles for City Hall	21.45
Jacob P Roome for Qr Saly to 14 Decr as Superintendent of Repairs	156.
Samuel B Waldron overseer of Roads to 11 Decr	300.40
Isaac Auld Lighting Public Lamps & furnishing Oil for Pub. Buildgs to 11 Decr	1297. 4
Samuel Russel Chairman of Come of Canal St	1000.
Benj Hoghland 3d I[n]stalment for Flag staff at the Battery	375.
[118] Halsey & Westervelt for mid. Pier at Pecks Slip	1500.
Richard Furman to pay debts contracd by former Supnt of Alms House	3718. 4
Dolls	8367.93

[119] In Common Council December 26, 1809

Present De Witt Clinton Esquire Mayor

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Jur
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes
Charles Dickinson 3d Wd	Agustine H Laurence
James Roosevelt	Robert Bogardus
John Bingham	William Hoghland
William Torrey	Isaac S Douglass
Charles Dickinson 7th Wd	Edmund Kerby
Joseph Watkins	William A Hardenbrook
Mangle Minthorne	John Palmer

John Bingham Esqr Alderman of the 5th Ward produced his appointment as Deputy Mayor of this City approved by his Excellency Daniel D Tompkins Governor of the State, and took the several Oaths required by Charter.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from Peter Lorillard stating that he held by lease from the Corporation Lots No 6, 7. 8 and half of No 9, 10 in Chatham Street in the 6 Ward—that having been prevented last summer from building on them by then proposed extension of [120] Chatham Street he had been obleiged to purchase other Ground to erect his works upon and had in consequence thereof sustained considerable injury—he therefore prays he may be permitted to surrender the Leeses of Lots No 7. 8. and the half of Lots No 9 &. 10 and to have the unexpired terms of those Leases extended to the Lease of Lot No 5 in Chatham Street which he now holds

Ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition was received from the Inhabitants of Magazine Street complaining that the water at the time of Rain collects in the centre of the Street and renders it nearly impassable and praying that a temporary Bridge may be erected across it.

They also stated that the Lamps in said Street were injudiciously placed and that two more Lamps were requisite.

Ordered that the former part of the Petition be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward, and the latter part to the Lamp Committee

A Petition was received from the Inhabitants residing at Corlears Hook representing that the side walks lately made on the north side of

Water & Cherry Streets [121] were not compleated agreeably to contract *to contract* and praying that it might be enquired into before the assessment was confirmed they also suggested the propriety of throwing a Bridge over that part of Jefferson Street where it intersects Cherry Street.

Whereupon Ordered that the same be referred to the A[l]derman & Assistant of the 7 Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Andrew I. M^{c}Laughlin praying to be permitted to continue as Keeper of the Flag Staff was referred to Aldermen Mesier, Bingham & Carpenter

A Remonstrance was received from Sundry Inhabitants of Beekman Slip complaining of a Stove pipe which occasioned a great inconvenience to the Neighborhood which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward

Petitions were received from James Seaman and Israel Seaman praying to be appointed Weigh Masters—which were granted and they were accordingly appointed as such.

[122] A Petition was received from George Duff praying remission of Fine incurred by selling Liquor without Licence [and] was referred to the Attorney of the Board

A Petition from Ann Van Denburgh to be relieved from an assessment on a Lot owned by her in North Moore Street was read and referred to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of James Moore which had been formerly referred to the late Attorney of the Board but which had not been reported upon —was again referred to the Attorney of the Board

The Following Petitions for appointments and recommendations were received and referred to the Committee on Applications

Measurer of Grain Samuel G Pearsall

Inspector of Wood—Recommend^{ns} of Mutt, Redett & Young

Do	Abner Wood
"	Bazzilla Ransom
"	Samuel Decker

[123] A Petition was received from Leonard Wicker to receive a Butchers Licence and to be assigned to Stall N^{o} 28 Fly Market & was referred to the Market Committee

A Communication was received from Richard Furman Superintendent of the Alms House stating that the Comptroller had suggested that the balancing the Books of the Alms House on 31 December

instead of the 31 Jan^{y} would be the means of promoting uniformity in the Public Accounts, as the Books kept by him and the Chamberlain balanced to that period—to enable him to carry that object into effect he requested an advance of 5000 Dollars as the Sums he had received were but Sufficient to pay off the accounts left due by the former Superintendent and the late Commissioners—Whereupon Ordered that a Warrant issue for 5,000 Dollars.

The City Inspector reported that he had receiv^{d} Returns from the Chief Engineer of the names and places of abode of the several members composing the Fire Department of this City whose numbers appears as follows.

Engineers	7
Fire Wardens	55

[124] Fire Companies

Comp^{y} N^{o}	1	24	Men,	Comp^{y}	19	22	Men
"	2	24	"	"	20	24	"
"	3	32	"	"	21	18	"
"	4	16	"	"	22	24	"
"	5	24	"	"	23	22	"
"	6	20	"	"	24	30	"
"	7	18	"	"	25	50	"
"	8	30	"	"	26	30	"
"	9	18	"	"	27	24	"
"	10	23	"	"	28	12	"
"	11	24	"	"	29	24	"
"	12	24	"	"	30	18	"
"	13	24	"	"	31	16	"
"	14	24	"	"	32	25	"
"	15	27	"	"	33	10	"
"	16	24	"	"	34	24	"
"	17	24	"	"	35	10	"
"	18	24	"			424	"
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Floating Engine	40	"
Hook & Ladder Comy 1	18	"
" " Do 2	18	"
Do " Do 3	10	"
	893	"
Add Engineers & Fire Wards	62	
	955	Total

Recapitulation

Engineers	7	The Total number in the last annual Report. was	927
Fire Wardens	55		
Fire Engᵉ Men	847		
Hook & Ladder	46	Increase of Firemen in the course of last year	28
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Total	955		

Which is respectfully submitted

Signed J. Morton City Inspʳ

[125] The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinance for correction of Nuisances from Nº 5184 to Nº 5189—which was ordered to pass

The Clerk was directed to cause the Law to prevent the firing of Guns and Setting off Squibs in the City of New York to be published in Hand bills and in the papers employed by this Board.

The Comptroller presented an Account of Israel Haviland for repairing Hose for Fire Engines from the 19th June to 25 Novʳ 1809 accompanied by a Statement of the expences of the Fire Department, for the last eight Years amounting on an average to 5486 Dˢ pʳ Ann. He suggested whether a plan might not be devised whereby the several Fire Engines Companies in this City who were greatly benefitted by the present organization of the Fire Department should bear a proportion of those expences.

He also presented an account of Richard L Degroot for taking down the old and raising the new Flag Staff at the Battery amounting to 1089 $^{3}/_{100}$ Dollars—Whereupon Ordered that the said Comⁿˢ of the Comptroller be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[126] The Building Committee presented the following Report

That they have conversed with Mʳ McComb respecting the necessary preparations for going on with the New City Hall next season—They find that the Sum of 50,000 Dollars will be requisite to complete the roof, covering it with Copper—The Committee wish the advice of the Board whether on the whole it will not be a saving of expence for the Committee to give orders that the Building be got under roof the next season.

The Treasurer requests a Warrant of 4,000 Dollars, two thousand of which is wanted to pay the accounts already due

Signed Charles Dickinson
John Bingham
Isaac S Douglass

Whereupon Resolved that the Building Committee be requested to take measures for roofing the Building next season and that a Warrant issue to the Treasurer for 2,000 Dollars

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Andrew Fisher praying to be assigned to 49 Fly Market—reported in favor of Petitioner which report was confirmed.

[127] The Comptroller reported that Philip Jacobs had offered 4000 Dollars for Lot designated on the Map by letter B south corner of Broad Way and White Street payable in his Note for 3000 Dollars on 6 March next the residue in 6 Months after—Ordered that the Comptroller accept the offer on said Notes being made payable with interest from date

The Committee to whom was referred the offer of Stephen Sayer to supply by contract a quantity of fine Wood reported that fixing a contract price for any considerable quantity of fuel might in their opinion have an influence on the market price of that necessary Article. that should a Contract be entered into on the part of this Corporation for any given quantity of fire Wood, and the price in the Market at the time stipulated for the delivery thereof should be less than that contracted for there can be no doubt, but the quantity would in that case be furnished, and the difference of price would be the amount of loss, which the Corporation would sustain whereas should the reverse be the case and the price in the market should exceed that stipulated in the Contract, there is reason to apprehend that a punctual performance [128] of the Contract might not take place to the great inconvenience & disappointment of the Common Council—The Committee are therefore of opinion that it is not expedient for the Board to enter into the Contract proposed

Which is respectfully submitted

Signed Isaac S Douglass
Nicholas Fish
Mangle Minthorne

Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for Turnpiking the Bowry Road.

Whereupon ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of Jonathan Pinckney for collecting the same

The Street Commissioner again presented the Assessment for opening Walker Street

Ordered that the same be published in the papers employed by this Board and that 100 notices be printed in hand bills and posted up

The Street Commissioner enclosed to the Board a Letter which he had rec^{d} from the Commissioners for laying out [129] Canal Street in which they request him to inform them (and to state the request to the Board) of the points from which the Water will ultimately run into Canal Street, through the Streets which are not yet regulated between the Bowry Road and Hudson River" The same together with the Street Commissioners observations thereon having been read. It was Resolved that it is inexpedient for this Board to interfere in the premises.

The Street Commissioner presented an application from Joseph Currie to have the front line of his Lots in State Street ascertained and fixed

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Streets

The Street Commissioner presented Certificates of the completion of the Piers between Burling Slip and Fly Market, by Woolsey & Allen and recommended payment of the balance due them

Ordered that it be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

[130] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying corresponding vacancies

N^{o} 31

William Allen Grocer corner of Grand & Elm Streets 8th W^{d} v. Jasper E. Ruckle res^{d}

N^{o} 11

William Morris Shoemaker 30 Moore S^{t} 1st W^{d} v John Martling res^{d}

N^{o} 30

Joshua Hustice Rope Maker 2nd S^{t} 10 W^{d} v Casper J Samler D^{o}

N^{o} 18

Ab^{m} V Nostrand, Mercht 14 Oak St 4 W^{d} v. John Mowatt Ju^{r} appointed Fire Warden

On Motion Resolved that the Resolution of this Board confirming the appointment of Measurers of Lumber to such only as shall be appointed Measurers by the Council of Appointment be and the same is hereby rescinded.

It was then moved that the Board proceed by ballot to appoint three Measurers of Lumber which having been agreed to—The Board

proceeded to ballot for the same—When Jeremiah Marshall Thomas Brown & Fenwick Lyell were duly appointed as such

An account of Samuel Fitz Randolph for expences of the Inspectors of the 2nd Ward at the late Charter Election was received and ordered to be reffered to the Finance Committee

[131] On Motion Resolved that the Convicts employed on the Public Roads be returned to the Bridewell and *thall* [that] all persons employed concerning them be dischar[g]ed.

On Motion Resolved that two Fire Wardens be elected for the 5th Ward in the place of William Hoghland now a Member of this Board and of Isaac Hatfield—The Board then proceeded to ballot for two persons when Cornelius Crygier and Richard Jacques were chosen.

On Motion Resolved that the Resolution of this Board passed the 8th day January 1808 for the Appointment of C. A. W. McPherson as assistant to the Superintendent of the Alms House relative to the out door Poor, be, and the same is hereby rescinded

On motion Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the cross Walks in the Streets to be repaired as often as the same shall become necessary

The Comptroller presented the following Deeds for Lots lately sold at the sales of the Colle[c]t Lots to which the City Seal was directed to be affixed and they delivered according to Law.

[132] Viz

To Peter Augustus Jay for Lots designated on the Map by Letters H, J, K, L, & M on White Street.

To Thomas S Clarkson for Lot T on White Street

To Elbert Anderson Jur for Lots R & S on Elm Street

On request of the Superintendent of Repairs a Warrant was ordered to be issued to the Chairman for 150 Dolls.

Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrants to pay the folg sums

Warrants Issued Decer 26—1809

N Lawrence	City Watch	256.76
William Van Wart	Do	256.76
John Farrington	"	276.36
James Snow	"	157.92
John White	"	118.44
Thos Darling & G Goodheart	"	227.36
Isaac Anderson	"	227.36
Samuel L Page	"	74.76
Adolph Brower	"	74.76

Mary Jones—Printing Deeds	20.
Edward Tyler repg Pumps	11.50
Richard Furman, Superintent A House	5000.
John H Sickles, Building Committee	2000.
John Bingham Charn Com. Repairs	150.
Dollars	8,851.98